

Chronicle photog addresses scribes
Liz Mangelsdorf talks about being
banned from covering gay marriage beat.
page 11

Russian River paradise
Our three-part special on
the region starts today.
page 12

Mormon and gay
Young missionary comes
out in 'Latter Days.'
see Arts section



BAY AREA REPORTER

Vol. 34 • No. 14 • 1 April 2004

Serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1971

Milk Club gets Boxer to affirm support for 'all couples'

by Cynthia Laird

The Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club came close to withdrawing its endorsement of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California), after the senator's February comments about same-sex marriage caused the club to use a little-known provision in its bylaws to demand a meeting with her staff that ultimately led to Boxer restating her position and affirming her commitment to "full equality for all couples."

Boxer issued the statement March 26. Milk Club board members met with the senator's staff in San Francisco March 17, after club members became infuriated with the senator's comments in February on gay marriage implying that current California law is "fair and appropriate because it gives equal rights and responsibilities to all citizens."

State law, marriage equality advocates argue, is not fair because Proposition 22, which voters passed in 2000, defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The city is in the midst of legal battles on several fronts defending San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's authority to order marriage licenses to be issued to same-sex couples and his assertion that same-sex marriage is legal under the state Constitution.

Under the Milk Club's bylaws, it could have withdrawn its endorsement of Boxer and not endorsed her again for five years. The club endorsed Boxer for re-election earlier this year and its endorsement will remain, club officials said. Boxer faces a stiff challenge in November from former Secretary of State Bill Jones, a Republican who's endorsed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Michael Goldstein, Milk Club president, told the *Bay Area Reporter* Tuesday, March 30 that the club's bylaws contain a unique provision that left the club in the position to confront Boxer on her statements, which appeared in the February 20 *San*



Rick Gerhardt

Barbara Boxer

by Matthew S. Bajko

Days after asking the state Supreme Court to nullify the more than 4,000 same-sex marriages performed in San Francisco, Attorney General Bill Lockyer is now trying to halt all lower court proceedings seeking to overturn California's antigay marriage statutes.

On Tuesday, March 30 Lockyer asked the California Judicial Council to immediately stay two cases currently being heard in San Francisco Superior Court, one filed by the city and county and another filed on behalf of same-sex couples seeking the right to wed.

A motion to combine those two cases is to be heard this morning (Thursday, April 1), in the court room of Judge James Warren, the reportedly gay judge removed from the original court proceedings due to opposition from antigay groups who filed to stop the city from performing the gay nuptials.

Responding to that request, Lockyer has

page 19 ►



page 12

AG asks justices to nullify gay marriages, stay court cases



Rick Gerhardt

Ray Hernandez pins a rose on his partner, Charles Burke, before entering City Hall Tuesday.

Experts: DOMA is working fine

by Bob Roehr

Blaming what he called "liberal activists" judges pushing the issue of gay marriage forward, Representative Steve Chabot (R-Ohio) opened a House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution hearing Tuesday, March 30 and denied that election year politics was the reason for the session.

"We are here today because of those actions and events, not because of a political agenda or election year plot," he declared in his opening statement. That was pretty much the extent of red meat for social conservatives at the hearing.

The hearing was called to "review whether DOMA [the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act] will remain a firewall, as Congress intended, that protects one state whose public policy supports traditional marriage from being forced to recognize a same-sex marriage license issued in another state," Chabot said.

"Heterosexual people have long succeeded in failing at marriage without any help from lesbian and gay couples," said Representative Jerrold Nadler (New York), the senior Democrat on the subcommittee. Whether DOMA is constitutional will not be known for sure until



Bob Roehr



Bob Roehr

Former Rep. Bob Barr

the court decides, he said. But for now, it is the law of the land.

For Nadler, the purpose of the Constitution is to "protect the rights of unpopular minorities against the majority." Amending it "is clearly a tremendous responsibility" and one that should not be taken lightly or in haste.

Representative John Hostettler (R-Indiana), a favorite of the religious right, lambasted so-called activist judges who "rely upon their own personal world view" to make law. He wants to "rein in a judiciary that has made it itself imperial" and return to "a natural feebleness of the judiciary."

Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin), the only openly lesbian member of the House, participated in the hearing as a member of the full Judiciary Committee though she is not a member of the subcommittee.

She was troubled by the fact that the constitutional amendments being proposed would inject the federal government into family law, which is traditionally an area of state jurisdiction. The amendments would "mandate specific interpretations of state constitutions ... and would cement gay and lesbian Americans to second-class status."

INSIDE

BAR Talk	40
Classifieds	20
Karrnal Knowledge	39
Mailstrom	7
Mister Marcus	38
Obituaries	17
Open Forum	6
Our Man Friday	9
Out There	26
Out & About	36
OutRight	10
Personals	41
Sports Complex	18
Transmissions	8

FIRST OF TWO SECTIONS

**IT REALLY DOES LOOK BETTER
WITH THE HAIR GONE**



Permanent
Hair Removal
and
Reshaping

JOHN FRIZZELL
Registered Electrologist
626-2729
FREE CONSULTATION
www.castroelectrology.com

SUTTER DENTAL
SPA & SEDATION DENTISTRY

Formerly Michael W. Blevins, DDS & Associates




BARRY WITT, DDS

CHRIS BONIN, DDS

We are Delta Dental Providers. Patient financing is available.

AESTHETIC DENTISTRY * LASER WHITENING
VENEERS * PERIODONTAL THERAPY * IMPLANTS
SMILE DESIGN * INVISIBLE BRACES

DOWNTOWN 450 SUTTER ST, SUITE 1233 GLEN PARK 2790 DIAMOND STREET
(415) 986-6223 (415) 585-1500

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SUTTERDENTAL.COM

HONEYMOON IN CHINA WITH YOUR CHINA TOUR SPECIALISTS

BEIJING - 7 days/5 nights \$995.00 @ (Dynasty Emperor's Banquet available)
YANTZSE CRUISE + HONG KONG - 11 days 8 nights \$1,652 @ departs daily

(415) 433-4415
www.jet-onchina.com

Take charge of your future.
CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Better Medical Care * Comfort
Return of Premium * Income Replacement

DAVID ERNESTO JUAREZ
CA LIC OB73404
PHONE: 408-437-7245 * 408-656-0955
EMAIL: juarez.ernesto@principal.com
Protect yourself and loved ones

PALM SPRINGS REAL ESTATE IS HOT, HOT, HOT!

What are you waiting for?
760-272-6142
lridgewayzephyr@yahoo.com

Z
ZEPHYR
PALM SPRINGS
Independently Owned & Operated

**GAY SPERM
DONORS WANTED
BY LESBIANS**
510-521-7737
www.GaySpermBank.com

Anti-demolition bill defeated

by Zak Szymanski

As expected, the anti-demolition bill authored to save the Trinity Plaza apartment building at Market and 8th streets and prevent other landlords from tearing down large rent-controlled buildings did not survive Mayor Gavin Newsom's veto; in a 7-4 vote on Tuesday March 30, the Board of Supervisors fell just one vote short of overriding the veto, angering many queer and housing activists who had fought the demolition on behalf of tenants.

The swing vote came from Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who originally voted for the bill, but changed his position upon the second reading. In an interview with the Bay Area Reporter last month, Dufty said his position had always been cautious, and that he found the bill to be too drastic of a solution for the specific situation at hand. He voted no on the bill, he said, once building developer Angelo Sangiacomo assured him that protections were in place for existing Trinity Plaza tenants.

Daly's bill was written in response to the scheduled Trinity Plaza demolition, but sought to ban all such demolitions of large habitable buildings so that landlords did not have an incentive to remove rent-controlled apartments and replace them with market-rate units. The Trinity



Rick Gerhardt

Nearly 150 residents and supporters of Trinity Plaza, including Sally Ramon (with sign) and Supervisor Chris Daly march to City Hall Monday.

Plaza plan replaces the 377 existing apartments with 1,410 new rentals. Many of the building's residents are queers, immigrants, and people with lower incomes.

Although Sangiacomo has promised lifetime leases to existing tenants once the first tower is built, legal experts say such a promise would not hold up to a challenge, and many tenants have said that the displacement, potential eviction, and possibly years of living on a construction site would be detrimental to their well-being.

For weeks leading up to Tuesday's vote, activists have been organizing to draw attention to Trinity Plaza and the legislation. On Monday, March 29, a coalition of groups gathered at City Hall for a candlelight vigil to "save the homes and community at Trinity Plaza" and "assure that in the future other tenants would not have to live through the nightmare of being threatened with needless demolition and eviction."

Supporters of the bill have promised to bring the failed legislation to the November ballot. ▼

FDA approves rapid oral HIV test

by Liz Highleyman

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday, March 26 approved the first rapid oral HIV antibody test, which advocates hope will encourage more people to find out whether they are infected.

The new version of the OraQuick rapid test - made by OraSure Technologies of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania - uses a sample of oral mucosal fluid taken with a swab from around the gums. The swab is then inserted into a vial containing a test solution, and results can be read in about 20 minutes. The previous OraQuick test was only approved for use on blood samples.

The new test is more than 99 percent accurate, although a positive result should still be confirmed using a second, more specific antibody test known as the Western Blot.

The rapid oral test will allow individuals to receive their results during a single session. Many people never came back to obtain their results when using the older antibody test, which usually took about two weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about one-quarter of people with HIV in the U.S. do not know they are infected. Experts hope the convenience of the new test will encourage more people to learn their status and receive timely treatment.

The new test does not require refrigeration or special equipment, and is safer for health-care workers because it eliminates the risk of needle-stick injuries while drawing blood.

The test - which is expected to cost \$12-\$15 - will initially be available at some 40,000 approved medical laboratories nationwide, but Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson encouraged the company to request

a waiver to use the test in other settings such as doctor's offices, community clinics, and mobile vans. The test may eventually be available for home use.

"This much anticipated addition to available options for HIV antibody testing means we have a truly convenient, non-invasive, and rapid test," said AIDS Project Los Angeles Executive Director Craig Thompson, who called the approval "one of the biggest HIV stories of 2004."

OraSure also announced last week that the FDA had approved its OraQuick rapid blood test for the detection of both HIV-1 and HIV-2 antibodies. HIV-2 is a less virulent strain found mostly in West Africa. The test was previously approved only for HIV-1, and the new indication is based on additional data showing that it can detect both types of virus. Currently, the rapid oral version of the test is only approved for HIV-1. ▼

MCC San Francisco | Performing same-sex marriages since 1970.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE CHRIST

Experience Transformation

All are welcome as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter
at MCC San Francisco.
A house of prayer for all people.
A home for queer spirituality.

Prayer at the Heart - April 7 at 7:00 pm
Candlelight prayer and healing service

Holy Thursday - April 8 at 7:00 pm
Creating the Sustaining Community
Acts of Radical Hospitality
Footwashing, Prayer, Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 9 at 7:00 pm
The Passion According to John
Multimedia Experience, Images and Music

Easter Sunday - April 11
at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
Celebrating Resurrection
Our Story is the Resurrection Story

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO
150 Eureka Street, between 18th & 19th, in the Castro | www.mccsf.org | info@mccsf.org | 415/863-4434

COMMUNITY NEWS

LGBTs weigh options for District 5 race

by Zak Szymanski

With Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez's decision not to seek re-election, a number of LGBT people and progressives have found themselves weighing their own options and evaluating their loyalties between political parties, identities, and ideologies.

Gonzalez, a progressive and former Democrat who was elected to represent District 5 as a member of the Green Party, has always been anything but predictable, and while his decision to re-enter the legal field seemed premature to many, others said it was completely in character for a man more committed to the issues than his own career.

"I'm so used to people following a classic pattern, and he has so much political capital right now that I'm surprised he did it. But in my eyes this decision absolutely gives him more credibility; he has always talked about the intellectual and issue-oriented part of politics," said Michael Goldstein, president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club. "I think this shows him to be a very deep and thoughtful politician and outside of politics as we know them."

Immediately upon Gonzalez's announcement — which he made during an interview with the *San Francisco Examiner* on March 28 — two queer activists found themselves as potential competitors; in discussing who might replace him on the board, Gonzalez mentioned LGBT progressive Democrats Robert Haaland and Bill Barnes, along with Green Party activist Lisa Feldstein. Since then, openly gay assistant district attorney and Democrat Jim Hammer also has been mentioned as a potential candidate, along with several other Democrats and Greens. Again refusing to play by the book, Gonzalez's first considerations showed support for ideology and experience rather than party affiliation or identity.

But such statements may not come as easily to others, particularly for those who occupy more than one political category. Members of the Lavender Greens, for instance, many of whom endorsed both Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Gonzalez in last year's mayoral race, may find themselves once again torn between endors-



Supervisor Matt Gonzalez

ing a fellow progressive queer or a fellow Green.

The Milk Club's Goldstein, who said he believes that everyone interested should run, also noted that at the very least, with instant runoff voting in place, "those who are in the position of endorsing candidates could look at the possibility of ranked choices."

At press time, Haaland was the only LGBT person to confirm his candidacy, although both Barnes and Hammer told the *Bay Area Reporter* that they were seriously considering a run for the seat. All three acknowledged the difficulty in running against LGBT allies with similar positions on the issues, although each emphasized that he would bring different strengths to the job.

"I've worked on a lot of issues that I think matter to the district and I have a long record of advocating for important causes that I think resonate in that district," Haaland told the *B.A.R.* on Monday, March 29.

A labor activist with Service Employees International Union Local 790, Haaland also worked for a number of years as a housing and tenant activist. Additionally, he has been an integral part of a number of progressive campaigns, including the fight for public power, instant runoff voting, and police reform, as well as Harry Britt's 2002 Assembly campaign, and Gonzalez's bids for district attorney and supervisor. As a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, Haaland is the city's first transgender elected to office, and if he succeeds in his bid for supervisor, would make transgender history there as well.

Haaland's campaign, he said, would not focus on his competition, but would instead emphasize his own record.

"I'm going to focus on talking to folks in the district," he said, adding that if the campaign turned negative, "that would be unfortunate. I don't see why it would happen."

On Tuesday, March 30, Barnes told the *B.A.R.* that while he is giving the race "serious thought," he considers it a decision with personal impact, and will need "a week or so to figure it out."

Barnes, an African American gay man who is HIV-positive, works as an aide to District 6 Supervisor Chris Daly, and previously worked for Mayor Willie Brown as the AIDS czar in the office of AIDS and HIV policy. If elected, Barnes would be the first openly HIV-positive supervisor. But his HIV status is also a consideration in his decision to run.

"Part of this decision is making sure I'm healthy. I have an appointment for a physical tomorrow [Wednesday] to make sure it's all in order; I want to be able to tell voters clearly that I'm healthy enough to do this job for four years," said Barnes, who also said that he has spoken to several people, including his potential competitors, in evaluating whether to run.

Although Barnes works for arguably the most leftist supervisor in town, he has also emphasized his neutrality in the recent mayoral runoff, as well as his past service to the Brown administration, which he acknowledged could cost him votes in the uber-liberal District 5 that includes the Haight. But he added that Gonzalez's nod speaks for itself.

"I'm grateful that despite my neutrality in the mayor's race, Gonzalez sees me as a strong candidate for his seat," he said.

Hammer, reached by phone on March 30, told the *B.A.R.* that he, too, is weighing his options and should make a decision about his candidacy soon.

"A number of people have encouraged me to run, and I'm seriously considering it; it would be a terrific opportunity to serve my neighborhood and the city where I was born," he said.

Although he tends not to tout labels like "progressive" or "liberal," Hammer does have a progres-

page 19 ▶

You can get a lot out of one of our mailboxes.

Did you know the UPS® retail rate offered at The UPS Store™ is often better than prices at the U.S. Post Office?

From: San Francisco, CA		
To: Denver, CO		
	5-lb. Residential Package	10-lb. Residential Package
UPS® Ground	\$8.97	\$10.20
Priority Mail®	\$11.50	\$15.20
Parcel Post®	\$9.95	\$13.21

Rates calculated 10/1/03. UPS rates are the UPS Retail Rate for Ground and include a fuel surcharge of 1.5%, which is subject to change. Each UPS package is subject to a handling fee of \$1.00. UPS reserves the right to assess a handling fee of up to a value of \$100.00. For more information see the terms and conditions on www.ups.com. Priority Mail® rates include the published charge of \$2.20 which provides up to \$100 indemnity coverage for a lost, defaced or damaged article. Prices subject to revised shape surcharge. See www.ups.com for more information. All rates subject to change. Priority Mail and Parcel Post are registered trademarks of the United States Post Office.

©2004 Mail Boxes Etc., Inc. 43296A3562 03/04

- A real street address
- Receipt of UPS® and other courier packages
- Call to MailCheck™
- Mail holding & forwarding
- 24-hour mailbox access

2441 Fillmore (at Jackson)
415.922.6745 Tel
182 Howard (at Main)
415.495.6963 Tel
2370 Market Street (at 19th & 1st)
415.531.0721 Tel



The UPS Store™

Dr. David York
Chiropractor

GET FAST RELIEF FROM...

- Back, Neck, Hip, Knee or Ankle Pain
- Headaches • Muscle & Joint Aches
- Sciatica • Auto Injuries & Work Comp Cases

Located on the Muni K Line.

Easy street parking • Evening & weekend hours

ADVANTAGE CHIROPRACTIC

• PAIN RELIEF CENTER •

Call today for a free consultation

587-7000

2445 Ocean Ave. (1/2 Block East of Juniper Serra)

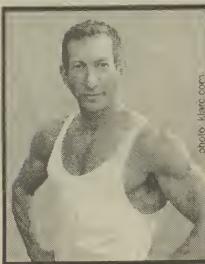


photo: karen.com
Uncomfortable at the gym?
Together we'll have fun &
Get the results you want!

Martin Spector
... with you every rep of the way

Certified Personal Trainer / Weight Manager
Free Consultation Call 415-606-4695 or
Email: TrainerMartin@SBCglobal.net

Med. Cannabis Garden Consultations & Expert Testimony
8 yrs. exp. \$75/hr + travel Contact Jason (707) 974-8264

medgardens@whovian.ln.org & courtservices@whovian.ln.org
whovian.ln.org/medgardens & whovian.ln.org/courtservices

Spiritual Counseling & Services

- Methods of Prayer and Meditation
- Ritual Work, including Gay & Straight Marriage
- Counseling for Spiritual Difficulties
- Traditional Spiritual Direction
- Eastern & Western Spiritual Traditions
- Tutorials, Classes & Workshops

Steven A. Armstrong, M.Div.

(415) 255-6339 • www.joyfullight.org/direction.html

Find Success and Fulfillment In Your Business, Career, and Life

- Clarify what makes your heart jump
- Develop a realistic action plan
- Find inspiration and motivation
- Maximize the potential of your business

Nick Parham
Professional Coach

"Business Mind, Coach's Heart" for 10+ years

Call Today for a free consultation
415.285.3599

Is your chiropractor
Attentive?

Or are you getting the same treatment time after time?

We invite you to experience
compassionate chiropractic care
in the comfort of our beautiful home in the Mission.

Active Release Technique
Sports Chiropractic
Soft Tissue Injuries
Joint Injuries/Pain
Headaches/Neck Pain

415.642.4363

2762 21st Street
in the Mission



Greg Gorman, DC

Brian Rizzo, DC

THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT IS WRONG
CHRISTIAN + GAY = OK

 STREET ADDRESS:
 601 DOLORES STREET (19TH ST. & DOLORES)
 PHONE: 415-970-8149
www.freedominchrist-sf.org
 Sunday Worship Service 6pm

Sexual Healing Therapy
 An alternative or a complement to psychotherapy or medical treatment, **Sexual Intimacy** is a somatic approach to resolving erotic issues such as:
 - rapid ejaculation
 - erection difficulties
 - fear of anal penetration
 - inhibited ejaculation
 - genital or body shame

Dr. Brian Swager
 415-551-7866
www.SpiriTouCh.org

Let's make it your place.

Let's find your dream home together. Call Tom Lewenz, the East Bay's most dedicated Real Estate agent today.

(925) 708-1440
www.LewenzRealty.com
 Keller Williams Realty
 3021 Citrus Circle, Suite 100, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
 An independent Member Broker

Memo's Mexicana Cuisine
 Authentic Guadalajaran Specialties in a Casually Elegant, Intimate Atmosphere.
 We prepare our food and salsa daily using only fresh ingredients.
 Live, Soft Romantic Guitar Music Wednesday through Sunday
 Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
 Vegetarian Dishes
 Tue-Sat 9 to 9 • Sun. 10 to 9
 Beer • Wine • Sangria • Wine Margueritas
 925.691.6200
 1 blk from "Todos Santos Plaza" in Downtown Concord
 2118 Mt. Diablo St., Concord

MARK SENICK
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 ESTATE PLANNING & PROBATE
 SMALL BUSINESS CONSULTATION
 REAL ESTATE & DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS
 CONVENIENT CASTRO LOCATION
 415 • 252 • 9800
 SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1981

Looking to put your best face forward?


 Michael Echavez, M.D.
 Board Certified Specialist in:

- Facial Plastic Surgery
- Treatments for Lipodystrophy
- Laser Skin Resurfacing
- Laser Removal of Hair, Spider Veins and Tattoos
- Collagen/Botox/Cymetra
- Microdermabrasion & Facial Peels
- Rejuvenating Skin Care
- Propecia for Hair Loss (Free 2 week supply)

 Complimentary consultation with mention of this ad
 490 Post Street, Suite 542
 San Francisco
 (415) 392-9800
www.sfplasticsurgery.com

News in brief

compiled by Cynthia Laird

Brownie Mary's ashes missing

The ashes of famed marijuana activist Mary Jane Rathbun, known affectionately as "Brownie Mary," have reportedly been taken from a medical marijuana club in San Francisco and club staffers and others would like them back.

Ms. Rathbun, long a fixture in the medical marijuana community, died April 10, 1999 at the age of 77 after complications following a fall in her San Francisco home. She was a co-founder of the now-defunct Cannabis Buyers Club and fought for years at the local, state, and national levels to legalize medical marijuana.

According to Michael Barbitta, one of the directors of the Compassionate Care Center at 194 Church Street, some people apparently walked off with an urn containing some of Ms. Rathbun's ashes following a party on March 5. The ashes had been the centerpiece of a small shrine to Ms. Rathbun at the medical marijuana club. Most of Ms. Rathbun's ashes had been scattered off the Florida Keys, but some had been saved and placed in a blue and gold urn at the club, said Karen Masonheimer, one of Ms. Rathbun's caretakers.

Anyone with information is asked to call the club at (415) 865-9714.

'Petchitecture' Friday

An estimated crowd of more

than 1,000 people and their dogs are expected to be on hand for the annual "Petchitecture" event Friday, April 2 that benefits Pets Are Wonderful Support. The event, taking place from 7-10 p.m. at the Giftcenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan Street, San Francisco, showcases architectural and artistic creations, including doghouses and pet beds by some of the Bay Area's top architects and designers. Tickets start at \$65 per person. Fully licensed and vaccinated dogs (on leashes) are welcome. For more information, call (415) 677-8688.

Glide celebration Sunday

"The Pride of Palm Sunday" takes place at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church with a special celebration for the LGBT community and supporters at 2 p.m. on April 4. The special service is billed as people coming together with those who were prevented from being married, those who were married, and all who affirm love, equality, and spirit. It will feature the Glide Ensemble, the Change Band, and blessing and affirmation by the Reverend Cecil Williams and Pastor Douglas Fitch to all couples. A reception will follow. People can RSVP online at www.glide.org or by calling (415) 674-6004.

Glide is also having Palm Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. The church is located at 330 Ellis Street, at Taylor.

Milk memorial meeting

The next meeting for the Harvey Milk City Hall memorial will be

Monday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the San Francisco Pride Committee office, 1390 Market Street, Suite 903. The community is invited to attend. A group of concerned activists has been meeting for several months to coordinate plans for a permanent memorial to the late supervisor that would be installed in City Hall. For more information, call Joey Cain at (415) 336-4070.

Help needed for Easter dinner

Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners is seeking volunteers for its Easter dinner event, set for Sunday, April 11 from 1-4 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin Street at Geary. Organizer Tom Basch noted that volunteers are needed for set up (8-11 a.m.), serving (12:30-4 p.m.), and clean up (4-7 p.m.). This year's event, like all Tenderloin Tessie dinners, is free and open to anyone. The dinner is a sit-down affair that strives to create a family atmosphere and includes entertainment and more for those who attend. To volunteer, call Toby Nelson at (415) 255-7503.

HIV + PNP forum

The Positive Force program of the Stop AIDS Project will host a community forum on the critical issue of crystal meth use and HIV in the gay community. The forum, entitled "HIV + PNP: Personal Activism in Response to the Crystal Epidemic" takes place Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. ▼

KAI SERPAX
 IMMUNE SUPPORT FORMULA
 ANTIOXIDANTS ARE THE KEY!
 PHARMACEUTICAL-GRADE QUALITY!
 NEW LOW PRICE:
 Single Strength Packets
 (for body weight under 140 lbs.)
 \$69.95/60 packets
 Double Strength Packets
 (for body weight over 140 lbs.)
 \$129.95/60 packets

All the Nutrients You Need!

Available at Statscript Pharmacy and Vibrant Health Vitamin Center.

Call 1-877-DR KAISER or visit us at KAISERPAX.COM

COMMUNITY NEWS

Castro sweet shop closes

by Matthew S. Bajko

It turns out selling chocolate in the Castro can be anything but sweet. After 12 years Jeffrey Douglas is shutting his Faerie Queen Chocolates near the Castro Theatre and heading for Canada, where he hopes business won't be so bitter.

Selling Leonidas Belgian chocolates and various flavors of fudge, Douglas opened his store thinking a whimsical theme and humorous names for his confections, like "Not tonight, I have a headache," would be a hit. His idea flopped.

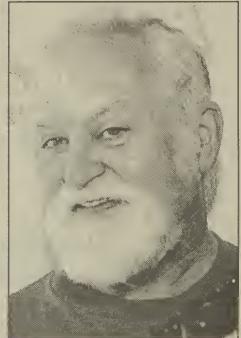
"It's a terrible business. The only time we were ever busy was maybe during Christmas," said Douglas, standing under a fairy princess sitting on a swing, wand in hand, watching over the store.

The tiny shoppe, with room for only six people at a time, will close for good today (Thursday, April 1). Part of the problem, said Douglas, was it never really attracted a gay clientele.

"The homophobia the store has faced has been enormous," he said.

The store's fairy theme, with its decor of bejeweled fairies painted on the walls, never sat well with the more macho elements of the Castro crowd.

The problem, as Douglas saw it, was gay men looked at the store's name and thought "how pejorative" or it harked back to "totally old faggotiness." He opted for the name, he said, as a way to



Jeffrey Douglas

take the sting out of what used to be a commonly used homophobic slur.

"The name was probably not a great idea. I learned a lesson," he said.

Perhaps if the store opened in November of 1971 instead of 1991 things would have turned out dif-

ferent, surmised Douglas.

"Someone said you opened the shop for guys of the 1970s without remembering they were all dead. This shop would have been celebrated by those people," he said. "It's just a different generation. The need for gaydar is less. They are more assimilated and they don't need to shop with people just because they are gay."

Apart from the lukewarm reception from the gay neighborhood, the store was a frequent target for armed robbers and street people who would shove feces through the door's mail slot and urinate in the doorway. Douglas said the shop has been set on fire, its windows scratched, and customers screamed at by vagrants.

"I am pretty burned out. We have really had it here, we had so much happen," said Douglas, who armed himself with pepper spray as protection.

One of the last straws for Douglas came six months ago when the Department of Public Works

page 19 ►

PAINFUL FEET?
CONSULTATION AVAILABLE
FAST • SAFE • COMFORTABLE • AFFORDABLE

- Modern Laser Treatments
- HMO Runaround? Not here.
- Custom Arch Devices
- MC/VISA/Credit plan
- Evening Hours-Free Parking
- Fungus Nail Treatment

Richard Lavigne • Podiatrist-Director

Advanced Foot Clinic
411 Grand Ave. (by the lake)
Oakland
(510) 465-FEET

OVER 20 YEARS SERVICE TO THE LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY

Bold **Smooth** **Wonder** **Adventure** **Serenity** **Power**

Welcome to the
Saab Community

Burlingame Saab
Experience the Difference

www.burlingamesaab.com 888-610-5982
825 N. San Mateo Dr. (5 minutes from SFO)



Victor Barcellona, DDS



Tooth Colored Fillings

A Great Smile Leaves a Lasting Impression

Cosmetic, Restorative & Preventative Dentistry



Porcelain Veneers



Teeth Whitening

450 Sutter, Suite 1229

San Francisco, CA

(415) 982-2250

VBDDS@pacbell.net

Most Credit Cards and Insurance Accepted

RANDY SOWDER

Why bounce between real estate agents? Go with one you can trust to look out for **YOUR** best interests.



www.RandySowder.com

Randy@RandySowder.com

415.695.0552 x109

4040 24th Street

San Francisco, CA 94114

Grand Opening!

April

Sugarfree Zone

3 & 4

Low carb and sugarfree specialty foods.

Bring in this ad for 20% off!

514 Frederick St. (at Stanyan), SF 415-242-2446

Queer Owned and Operated

GUIDED IMAGERY
SEEING YOUR WISHES COME TRUE

567-9900

TIM UPDIKE
CERTIFIED CLINICAL HYPNOTHERAPIST

THE FREE QUIT-SMOKING CLASSES FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND HIV+ SMOKERS. QUIT SMOKING IN A CONFIDENTIAL AND SUPPORTIVE GROUP SETTING. CLASSES LED BY A HIGHLY SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED CLINIC LEADER CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION.

LAST DRAG

SMOKE LESS.
PLAY MORE.

NEXT CLASS BEGINS APRIL 7TH!

WWW.LASTDRAG.ORG
415.339.5000

Sponsored by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Coalition of Lavender Americans on Smoking & Health (CLASH)

BAY AREA REPORTER

Volume 34, Number 14
1 April 2004

PUBLISHER

Bob Ross (1971 - 2003)

NEWS EDITOR

Cynthia Laird

ARTS EDITOR

Roberto Friedman

POLITICAL EDITOR

Wayne Friday

ASSISTANT EDITORS

Matthew S. Bajko
Mark Mardon
Zak Szymanski

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Tavo Amador • Heidi Beeler • John Blanco
Dan Blue • Victoria A. Brownworth
Philip Campbell • Dale Carpenter
Aaron J. Cohen • Richard Dods • Eric Ganther
Glen Helfand • Liz Highleyman • Joe E. Jeffreys
Brandon Juddell • Robert Julian • John F. Karr
Matthew Kennedy • David Lambie • Mister Marcus
Paula Martinae • Michael McDonagh • Gary Morris
Jim Nawrocki • Lois Pearlman • Deborah Peifer
Jim Piechota • Jim Provenzano • Mary Richards
Adrian Roberts • Bob Roehr • Adam Sandel
Jason Serinus • Will Shank • Gregg Shapiro
Michael Wade Simpson • Gwendolyn Smith
Alex Robertson Textor • Paul Thomason
Stephanie von Buchau • Helen Vozenilek
Ed Walsh • Dick Waiters

ART DIRECTION & LAYOUT

Adrian Roberts

AD PRODUCTION & DESIGN

T. Scott King

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Rich Garitano

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Jane Philomen Cleland
Darlene/PhotoGraphics
Marc Geller
Rick Gerhardt

ILLUSTRATORS & CARTOONISTS

Berg E
Christine Smith

GENERAL MANAGER

Michael M. Yamashita

ADVERTISING MANAGER

David McBrayer

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elsa Lee

NATIONAL ADVERTISING
REPRESENTATIVE

Rivendell Media

212.242.6863

LEGAL COUNSEL

Thomas E. Horn, Esq.

MEMBER

National Gay Newspaper Guild
United Press InternationalBay Area Reporter
395 Ninth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415.861.5019 • 415.861.7230
http://www.ebar.comNews Editor • barpaper@aol.com
Arts Editor • bararts@aol.com
Advertising • baradv@aol.com

A division of Benro Enterprises, Inc. © 2004

Published weekly. Bay Area Reporter reserves the right to edit or reject any advertisement which the publisher believes is in poor taste or which advertises illegal items which might result in legal action against.

Bay Area Reporter. Ads will not be rejected solely on the basis of politics, philosophy, religion, race, age, or sexual orientation.

Advertising rates are available upon request.

Our list of subscribers and advertisers is confidential and is not sold. The sexual orientation of advertisers, photographers, and writers published herein is neither inferred nor implied. We are not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or artwork.



The Bay Area Reporter is printed on 100% recycled paper using soy-based inks.

Boxer's good move

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California) did the right thing when she issued a statement late last month affirming her support of "full equality for all couples." And the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club definitely did the right thing when it realized that an obscure provision in its bylaws left it in a position to meet with Boxer's senior staffers to discuss her position on marriage equality. While Boxer stopped short of mentioning the word "marriage," she nonetheless retreated from comments made on her behalf in February that she believes marriage is reserved for a man and a woman. Also important, Boxer acknowledged that her earlier comments about California law being "fair and appropriate because it gives equal rights and responsibilities to all citizens" were inaccurate. "I understand current California law does not provide the full equality I initially thought it did," she now says.

The Milk Club, led by its new president, Michael Goldstein, took the lead by using its unique position to influence politicians. The club could have withdrawn its endorsement of Boxer for the November election because of a bylaws provision that calls on endorsed candidates to refrain from publicly commenting in favor of discriminatory policies. Goldstein wrote a letter to Boxer, which was followed by a meeting that was attended by four Milk Club board members and top Boxer aides, including her chief of staff and the director of her Northern California office. Milk Club members who attended the meeting told us that the senator's staff understood the issues and was "very apologetic" about the senator's earlier comments. For their part, Milk Club members realize Boxer is in a tough re-election fight this year. While her GOP opponent, former Secretary of State Bill Jones, typically has trouble raising money, he does have the support of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, which could translate into big bucks for Jones.

Moving Democratic politicians to the correct side of the marriage debate (sup-

porting full equality for same-sex couples at a minimum and, ultimately, getting them to support same-sex marriage) has become a tricky proposition for LGBT marriage advocates and straight supporters of full marriage equality. Last week, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi told Fox News' Neil Cavuto that she supports marriage for same-sex couples, though it took Cavuto several questions to get that answer. Pelosi, too, did the right thing.

Presumed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, however, is still sticking to his position that marriage should be between a man and a woman. We believe it's an indefensible position that is costing Kerry crucial early support in the LGBT community.

Kerry was cornered by a jogger in San Francisco Monday and again reiterated his opposition to same-sex marriage and he said it again Tuesday night on MTV's *Choose or Lose: 20 Million Questions for John Kerry*. According to a transcript, while he believes people are born gay, Kerry does not believe people are guaranteed the right to marry within their own gender. Kerry favors civil unions that provide full rights to same-sex couples.

So Kerry seems to be closer to Boxer's position than Pelosi's on marriage equality. But it's this man-woman definition that bothers us — Kerry should consider adopting Boxer's position so that at least the hideous phrase "marriage is between a man and a woman" can be retired from his campaign lexicon. ▼

Editorial



AIDS czar is needed

by Patrick Monette-Shaw

News that Mayor Newsom eliminated from his budget the mayor's AIDS policy adviser — a.k.a. the AIDS czar position — should alarm our community. In addition to addressing policy issues, this position should perform greater oversight and accountability over San Francisco's vast AIDS infrastructure and bloated AIDS Office that recently numbered 170 employees.

Newsom's director of neighborhood services, Joe Caruso, indicated the job, if retained, would likely revert to a volunteer, unpaid position. Few people with HIV/AIDS, including people of color, can afford taking an unpaid, full-time job. Do city bureaucrats really expect a czar to drum up more HIV/AIDS funding without pay, despite more money potentially flowing into city coffers?

Newsom's rationale that the city budget can't afford an AIDS czar to provide oversight is specious, because the city has 100 information systems managers on its payroll costing \$11.8 million annually. Chopping one IS manager paid \$165,000 between salary and fringe benefits could fund an AIDS czar \$75,000 plus \$18,750 in benefits, leaving \$71,250 to rescue other programs destined for elimination from the Department of Public Health's budget.

Meanwhile, claiming it's too cash poor to have a paid AIDS czar, the city pays at least two fees for CAEAR Coalition membership; at \$5,500 each, there goes \$11,000! At minimum, two other coalition memberships are paid by AIDS organizations, bringing San Francisco's minimum to \$22,000 annually.

Long known for duplication of services (some HIV/AIDS clients have five case managers, instead of one coordinating all services), rather than having a single AIDS czar San Francisco has, at minimum, four directors of public policy: Jim Illig, Project Open

Hand's director of government relations; Ernest Hopkins, director of federal affairs and Dana Van Gorder, director of state and local affairs, both San Francisco AIDS Foundation employees; and Laura Thomas, Continuum's director of government grants and public policy. All three agencies receive CARE Act funding. Van Gorder, echoing others, claims while agencies, including SFAAF, are "cutting services, [spending money for a czar] might not be ideal spending." Van Gorder fails to grasp the irony that salaries for four or more government affairs directors is, obviously, less-than-ideal spending.

Other AIDS organizations also have public policy directors, with an upward limit on how many San Francisco needs. We'd be much better off with a single AIDS czar; eliminating these three duplicative positions is a logical starting point toward providing clients with actual services as the priority.

The city alternately claims the czar's duties were picked up by either Caruso or DPH staff, yet public records reveal reports analyzing follow-up efforts following Mayor Brown's 1998 AIDS Summit have not been issued for over four years, since 1999, suggesting the czar duties weren't "picked up" adequately. Small wonder the city just lost \$4 million in HIV/AIDS funding. The loss is partly the result of past performance in our jurisdiction, since performance is a major factor evaluated during competitive review. Performance mistakes include San Francisco's failure to spend all funds during the year in which Congress appropriated they be spent ("unspent money" automatically lowers subsequent awards); DPH's failure to issue contracts to service providers expeditiously; our CARE Council's failure to ensure DPH "quickly" allocates funds; the council's failure to reallocate funds between

service categories to ensure all funds are spent in the year Congress intended; failure to complete revising the "severe need" definition, since severe need is a key focus during competitive judging; and possibly the failure of DPH to have met some federal deadlines.

Judged in the light of "past performance," these errors probably contributed to the funding loss, which an AIDS czar, performing oversight functions, may have been able to prevent.

A larger error looms: Despite discussing a goal to ensure service providers have the infrastructure to become Medi-Cal certified and understand Medi-Cal's treatment authorization process to move clients from CARE-funded programs onto Medi-Cal, the CARE Council has done virtually no follow-up to ensure it is the payor of last resort, as required by the CARE Act, rather than

payor of first convenience to providers who are not Medi-Cal certified. Had the council achieved this goal, the 12 ancillary CARE-funded service categories being eliminated might have been preserved — by reallocating primary care service savings gained from fully utilizing Medi-Cal — without now crying poor.

Newsom should heed his CARE Council's czar recommendation, not Illig's conflicted advice, given Illig is president of the HIV/AIDS Contractors Network vying for CARE funds. Clients shocked and awed over losing these services should demand Newsom immediately appoint a paid czar, to prevent additional errors leading to even greater loss of CARE Act funds next year. ▼

Guest Opinion

Patrick Monette-Shaw is an independent community observer and AIDS accountability research investigator.

LETTERS

Dufty's accomplishments

Jim Bishop's vituperative attack on District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty [Mailstrom, March 25] is filled with inaccuracies. Dufty is right to sustain Mayor Newsom's veto of Supervisor Chris Daly's deeply flawed anti-demolition legislation. Daly's initiative would have discouraged rental property owners from maintaining and improving their buildings and would have resulted in a deterioration of older housing. Perhaps Bishop wants San Francisco to look like the South Bronx. Furthermore, both Newsom and Dufty made sure tenants currently occupying subsidized apartments at Trinity Plaza would be given lifetime leases, including full rent control protections.

Bishop's allegation that Dufty's major supporters were wealthy landlords is ludicrous. In the general election, Dufty voluntarily limited campaign contributions to \$100 per individual and only accepted them from San Francisco residents. (The legal limit is \$500 and no residential restrictions apply.) In the runoff, he followed the same limitations, even though he could have received up to \$250 from individuals.

Dufty has been in office less than two years and has made great strides in improving the Castro. Under his leadership, last year's Halloween was a safe and well managed event, as opposed to the dangerous chaos the neighborhood previously experienced. When the Eureka Valley Recreation Center closed for much needed remodeling, he found a home for the queer youth program housed there at the LGBT Community Center. He is working with a residential hotel in the greater Castro to house homeless queer youth and has invited all interested parties to participate in the process and to air their concerns, which he will address.

Dufty supports home ownership programs and rent control and realizes the two are not in conflict. Dufty has a good working relationship with Mayor Newsom, who supported his candidacy for supervisor. When Newsom authorized same-sex weddings, Dufty was among the first elected officials to perform them.

District 8 as a whole, and the Castro in particular, is lucky to have a hard-working, intelligent, and honest supervisor like Dufty. He should be re-elected in a landslide.

Gustavo Serina
San Francisco

Housing proposal a 'win-win'

I am writing to respond to Jim Bishop's letter concerning Bevan Dufty and his votes relating to Trinity Plaza and Supervisor Daly's anti-demolition law. Contrary to Mr. Bishop's assertion, Bevan Dufty has been a zealous protector of the Trinity Plaza tenants. When Chris Daly's anti-demolition proposal was first made, Dufty voted to support the proposal, because he believed that the protections for the Trinity tenants were not adequate. Dufty wanted ironclad protections for the Trinity tenants, and as a result of his vote, the tenants now have that protection: the Trinity landlord has now promised to keep the Trinity tenants in the existing building until the first of the new development buildings is constructed, and then to move the existing tenants into the new building. None of the tenants will be evicted, and in fact, they will end up better off with brand new apartments, at the same rent.

Instead of criticism, Bevan Dufty should be praised for achieving a "win-win" for all concerned. The Trinity tenants avoid eviction, get brand new apartments, and no rent increase. The city gets 1,400 affordable rental units near jobs and on the Market Street transit corridor. The Trinity Plaza development, which has received rave reviews from architecture critics, will give a much-needed boost to the mid-Market area. Moreover, putting 1,400 new units on the market will also help drive down rents all over the city – this is one of the largest rental developments of its kind in the past 40 years, in a city that desperately needs more affordable housing.

Mike Sullivan, Chair, Plan C
San Francisco

Tilting at windmills

I didn't know David Pasquarelli. His reputation loomed large over the HIV/AIDS community in San Francisco, so if you volunteered anywhere in that community his name was familiar. There can be no doubt that he was a man of passion and idealism. His early death is made more tragic by the fact that his great passion was so misguided. Reading his obituaries in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and B.A.R. ["AIDS activist David Pasquarelli dies at 36," March 18], one was transported back 15 years in the war against AIDS. Suddenly PCP and CMV were in print again as contributing to the death of someone. How could that handsome and smiling face be gone so abruptly?

Like Don Quixote, Pasquarelli spread a message not realizing the message was false. He paid for his idealism and, sadly, his foolishness with his life. Now his lasting legacy is an object lesson on how not to

deal with HIV/AIDS. HIV is a virus, which causes AIDS. It randomly came to this country and first surfaced in the gay community. There's no conspiracy to a virus. There was no cabal. It was a freak and sad historical occurrence.

Venting anger on drug companies and AIDS service organizations for their actions or inactions, Pasquarelli thought he was helping his fellow human beings. He worked against the mainstream when his idealism and passion was needed in the mainstream. Drug companies need to be monitored, but they have created drugs that are helping people live longer lives. ASOs are not perfect organizations, but they educate, feed, clothe, house, and help countless individuals. Why couldn't he see that as a worthwhile goal?

His friends and family, who obviously loved him very much, need to step forward and tell the truth. David died needlessly. His jail stay did not help his health surely, but the decline of his immune system was caused by his not taking anti-HIV medicines that are available today. Anyone with HIV/AIDS needs to consult a doctor and make a plan that is best for them. To not avail yourself of western medicine is as foolish as it is to spurn alternative therapies. It is likely both are needed in the war against HIV.

I was born five years before David, got HIV eight years before him and am writing this letter, never having had an opportunistic disease yet. Will anti-HIV drugs hurt me? Possibly. But I surely know AIDS will kill me sooner. Now in a time of budget crunches when we need a passionate voice for HIV/AIDS, David Pasquarelli's voice is silent. And all for tilting at windmills.

Martin E. Hollick
San Francisco

'Good riddance'

How dare the Bay Area Reporter refer to nut case and alleged bomb thrower David Pasquarelli as an "AIDS activist"? Bobbi Campbell, Gary Walsh, and Bill Krause were AIDS activists. They each faced their own illnesses with both courage and conviction and worked tirelessly to better the government and community responses to the ravages of this disease. On the other hand, Pasquarelli was as destructive a force as there existed and only hindered this community's efforts to battle AIDS.

David Pasquarelli, good riddance.

John M. Farrell
San Francisco

Pasquarelli's defender

Michael Lauro, Stephen LeBlanc, I guess you think you've really accomplished something by writing the unkind letter about David Pasquarelli [Mailstrom, March 25]. I just think you are assholes, and I suspect your friends, if you have any, will secretly feel the same way.

The B.A.R. was irresponsible for printing this kind of letter.

Betty Best
San Francisco

A gratuitous slap

I was dismayed to read the B.A.R. editorial in the March 11 issue ("Reason to worry"). I wasn't disturbed by the general idea that we should assure that the folks we respect hold Senator John Kerry accountable for his disappointing position on a Massachusetts state constitutional amendment; with that I agree. Rather, I was taken aback by the final sentence of the editorial, which seemed nothing more than a gratuitous slap to long-time champion of all things queer, Assemblyman Mark Leno. The sentence suggested that our community could better rely on Mayor Gavin Newsom as a true supporter than Mark Leno. Now, I too am indebted and thrilled at the courage, guts, and integrity of our new mayor, but why in the world is this an either/or choice? Why, simply because Leno is a supporter of Senator Kerry, would that negate his many enormous contributions to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender folks in this city and beyond? Why does a civil disagreement have to degenerate into erasure of Leno's track record of brave and groundbreaking support for the most marginalized in our community? Rarely has our community had a more tenacious and stalwart leader than Leno. The B.A.R. demeans what is an important political conversation by engaging in unwarranted and unfair personal attacks. Surely, you can do better.

Kate Kendall, Executive Director
National Center for Lesbian Rights
San Francisco

Send letters to the Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, or e-mail to BARpaper@aol.com. Letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number for verification. Unsigned letters will not be printed.

AN EARTH-BASED APPROACH TO PSYCHOLOGICAL & SPIRITUAL HEALING

**Gay Men's Jungian Shamanic Group Forming**

This weekly long-term group stresses a nature-based approach to psychological and spiritual healing. Traditional healing processes include dream work, otherworld journeying, drumming, myth and ritual. Join others in an ongoing process to facilitate the connectedness between self, community and nature.

Rodney Karr, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist #PSY6906
Offices in San Francisco & the East Bay
www.shamans-sf.org

415-931-1934

Experienced Attorney

Barry Schneider, Esq.

Wills and Probate

Family Law and Conservatorships

Criminal Offenses

Barry Schneider
Attorney at Law
(415)781-6500

400 Montgomery St.
Suite 505
San Francisco

• ALL COMMERCIAL LINES • HOMEOWNERS & APARTMENTS •

PENNBROOK INSURANCE SERVICES

Since 1982 • We do it all!

200 Pine Street, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 820-2200
Fax (415) 394-8332

California Toll Free (800) 652-1513
Broker Lic. # 0622553

LIABILITY • LIFE & MEDICAL • WORKER'S COMP • TRAVEL • EARTHQUAKE • CRIME • ESTATE PLANNING • TRAVEL • FIRE • BONDS

Law Offices of **CALLAWAY & WOLF**

- Personal Injury
- Medical Malpractice
- Discrimination
- Wrongful Eviction
- Wills & Estate Planning

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

785 Market Street, Suite 1150
415.541.0300

Fine art
Portraiture
Commercial

20% off with a
marriage license!

www.markgebhardt.com
510-895-9887

Mark Gebhardt Photography

Fog City Medical Clinic

1489 Webster Street, Suite 200
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94115
INFO@FOG CITY MEDICAL.COM
WWW.FOGCITYMEDICAL.COM
415.775.5700
PLenty of FREE PARKING



TUAN ANH DUONG, M.D.
BOARD CERTIFIED
INTERNAL MEDICINE

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!

BECAUSE WE'RE FULL OF IT!
Together...
over 40 years serving the
Real Estate Community!

Peacock Pappalardo

Ginny Peacock and Phil Pappalardo 760/325.4500

FERNANDO ACOSTA TOP PRODUCING REALTOR SINCE 1992

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL
PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN
THE EAST BAY, ALAMEDA & S.F.
BUYING • SELLING • INVESTING
RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY & LAND

0% DOWN HOME LOAN AVAILABLE
FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS



Ask for Sellers Discounts & Buyers Bonus
Call NOW Your Most Trusted & Experienced Agent
CELL: 925-980-8450 • HOME OFFICE: 925-944-3461
NANDO4RE@AOL.COM • WWW.CALIFORNIANHOME.COM
REALTY EXECUTIVES 100%

COMPLETE Chiropractic HEALTH CARE



Dr. William B. Gersten, D.C.
1540 Market St.
Suite 400
@ Ian Ness MUNI & BART
864-7860

SPORTS INJURIES • NECK & BACK PAIN • HEADACHES
• City Health Plan Provider
• Insurance Accepted
• Workers Comp
• Personal Injury



\$45 INITIAL VISIT
INCLUDES EXAM & TREATMENT



A MAN'S BARBERSHOP

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AND NOT NECESSARY

2195 MARKET / 15 | M-F 9 am - 10 pm
(Next to Image Leather) | SAT 9 am - 6 pm
SF (415) 621-6448 | SUN 11 am - 6 pm

Engendered species

by Gwendolyn Ann Smith

There is a sea change going on. A paradigm shift, if you will.

Every day, my in-box is flooded by news articles and press releases about the state of gender variance in the world, from articles about eunuchs in India trying to take political power and create a legal "third sex" definition to Atlanta hiring a specialist to handle crimes against LGBT individuals. Many of these articles – except, of course, the religious right press releases – are often very trans positive, using the right pronouns and names, and avoiding some of the obvious issues that creep up in stories relating to transpeople.

Police officers in Pennsylvania, sailors in Spain, and people across the world are transitioning – and not losing their jobs, homes, or families.

High schools and colleges are working on policies and procedures to better serve their transgender students, including opening up additional same-sex bathrooms on campuses, while also asserting that students who do identify in a gender opposite their assigned birth sex are welcome in the existing facilities of their choosing.

Transgender people have begun to put together slick, professional events, like the all-transgender-cast "VDay" event in Hollywood last month, and the partnering of the first transgender gospel choir, Transcendence, with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in the latter's annual spring concert next month. Our own musical groups, actresses, playwrights, and others are taking their places in big ways, telling our own stories in ways that only we can offer.

I even spent last weekend in Iowa speaking to a college-level transgender event, where I was able to walk down the street without any trouble, even while wearing a "Transsexual Menace" T-shirt. The only comment I got on the shirt was from one person who liked my choice of attire. In the Moline airport, the woman sitting next to me and I got into a discussion about transgender violence issues – of which she was already aware.

Indeed, I think we are seeing something new happening. We are giving rise to a new way of thinking, a new vision, and perhaps even a new culture.

Needless to say, this did not happen overnight. The first modern vision of trans community and culture dates back 100 years ago, in Berlin, where trans patients

of Drs. Magnus Hirschfeld and Felix Abraham, among others, began to meet and congregate, discovering each other's talents while learning about themselves. During a few brief years, trans culture began to flourish in Germany – just prior to Brownshirts charging into Hirschfeld's clinic, burning his research, and putting an end to things trans not only in Nazi Germany, but also around the world.

In latter part of the 20th century – during the times of Christine Jorgensen and Dr. Harry Benjamin's book, *The Transsexual Phenomenon* – the community began to rise again, this time aiding and aided by the growing "gay rights" movement of the post-Stonewall era. Much groundwork was laid,

mostly in getting laws against public crossdressing struck down and getting laws for birth certificate changes enacted. Yet by the mid-1970s and the push to "normalize" the gay and lesbian movement, transgender people were again left in the cold.

So far, the third time seems to be the charm. In a push largely started by activist-minded trans people in the first part of the 1990s, the then foreign-sounding concepts of transgender rights, transgender pride, and "transgender" itself were introduced. People began to think of what they lacked, and began earnest efforts to see that change. Over the last decade we've brought into existence something new. Now we need to go where the activists before were not able: into a place of real community and society where transgender – if not yet fully accepted everywhere – is actively considered and appreciated.

There are still a great many things left to do. While great strides have been made, the real trek has largely yet to begin. With our victories, and those of our allies, comes the inevitable backlash.

The issue of gay marriage has killed one transgender inclusive LGBT rights bill, while a transwoman in Kansas has been arrested for giving "false testimony" to obtain a marriage license. The conservative pundits have even taken to saying, "If you allow



Christine Smith

gay rights, then what's next? Transgender marriage?" Never mind that such is already here and has been for decades – another product of mid-century transactivism. That is a victory that could end up lost amid the struggle for marriage equality.

The mainstream media has gotten far better on trans stories, yet there are still plenty of sleazy "sex swap" stories in the press, and more than a few articles willing to take a side by ill-considered pronouns and names. Some of those in the aforementioned Kansas case have been especially painful. "Junk science" still threatens us, trying to call us sick, perverted, or even unnatural. This threatens to erode our rights, and adds fuel to the religious rights attacks against us.

While rights are gained in some places – one example is the strong chance for the "Gender Recognition Bill" allowing for trans rights in the United Kingdom – other locales are seeing these rights erode. Current issues in Australia, for one, could lead to the outright banning of sex-change surgeries in the country. With all of our victories, we are still endangered.

And yes, we are still being killed with alarming regularity, most recently on March 3 in Washington, D.C.

Now is the time for us to take a stand, be out, be visible, and make it known that we will not go quietly. We need to be out there, telling our stories, writing our own books, proving our own science, and letting our legislators know that we demand our very rights to exist.

It's time to finally give rise to a transgender culture. ▼

Gwen Smith was really tempted to sneak an April Fools' joke in this space. You can find her on the World Wide Web at www.gwensmith.com.

Honoring older lesbians



Jane Phalen Cleland

Lesbians young and old gathered Sunday, March 28 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley for the biennial "Pat Bond Old Dyke Awards" that honor lesbians over 60 who have contributed to the community but have not been recognized for their efforts. This year's winners are, from left: Cathy Cade, Marge Nelson, Avotcja, Barbara Jue, Ina May Murri and Stella Lopez-Armijo, and Judy Freespirit.

United Democrats aim at White House, Senate

by Wayne Friday

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry does not become the formal Democratic nominee for president until July, but he became the Democrat's standard-bearer by acclamation last Thursday when 2,500 Democratic loyalists packed into Washington's National Building Museum to raise \$11 million — a record for a single fundraiser by the party — and to present a united party behind the presumptive nominee.

With two former presidents — Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter — leading the way, seven of Kerry's one-time rivals for the nomination (Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, Bob Graham, Joe Lieberman, and Al Sharpton) joined other Democratic party leaders like former Vice President Al Gore, Senator Edward Kennedy (Massachusetts), Jessie Jackson, Ethel Kennedy, George McGovern, and Walter Mondale. The overflow crowd reportedly roared as former presidents Clinton and Carter held their arms aloft, joining with Kerry, Gore, and the seven rivals vanquished by the Massachusetts senator in a fast round of primaries from mid-January through early March.

Gephardt drew deafening applause, according to media accounts, when he praised Kerry and called George Bush "the worst of the five presidents I've served in Congress," adding that Bush "even makes me nostalgic for Ronald Reagan."

Gore recalled the 2000 election he narrowly lost to Bush, asking the excited crowd "Do you remember what you felt when the Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case called Bush versus Gore? I remember," he said. "I want you to draw again on all that energy and to channel it in support of John Kerry to elect him our next president."

Carter had a personal message for Ralph Nader, the independent candidate: "Don't risk costing the Democrats the White House this year as you did four years ago." Nader ran on the Green Party ticket in 2000.

Dean, who formally endorsed Kerry earlier that day, took several political shots at Bush, asking the crowd "Who would you rather have in charge of the defense of the United States of America: a group of people who have never served a day overseas in their life, or a guy who served his country honorably, has three Purple Hearts and a Silver Star?"

Only former Senator Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois, who was in San Francisco for a speaking engagement, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) sent regrets they could not attend the event.

Democrats also now feel that they have an excellent chance of retaking the U.S. Senate in November. Republicans control the Senate 51-48, with one independent who votes with the Democrats for organizational purposes. Democrats need a net gain of only one or two seats to win control of



Mark Leno and Kamala Harris at BALIF dinner.

the Senate; one seat if the voters elect a Democrat as vice president along with Kerry in November, who would break ties in the Senate, and two if the Bush ticket is re-elected.

However, after his landslide victory in a crowded Democratic primary field in Illinois, state Senator Barack Obama, is already the odds-on favorite to win a GOP-held U.S. Senate seat in Illinois in November, and former Alaska Governor Tony Knowles is now leading his GOP-incumbent opponent, Senator Lisa Murkowski in that state. In Oklahoma, Representative Brad Carson, a moderate-to-conservative Democrat, is now expected to win the seat being given up by GOP Senator Don Nickles. Though it started out with somewhat of a disadvantage because of retiring Democratic senators in five Southern states, the Democratic Party now looks healthy in all of those states and is expected to hold the seats in all except Georgia.

The big break for Democrats came, however, when Colorado Republican U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, expected to easily win re-election, suddenly announced he would not run for re-election. Democrats are now given a better-than-even chance of picking up the open Colorado Senate seat with the candidacy of popular Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, who now leads all potential Republicans in that state; even Colorado Governor Bill Owens, considered the GOP's strongest contender for the seat, declined to run against Salazar.

Politics and people

Caught Mayor Gavin Newsom on The Charlie Rose Show last week from New York City and the mayor was as smooth as they get. And to the dude who called last week — twice — leaving a message on my machine that my March 25 column about Mayor Newsom was "too praising of the guy, nothing but a — kissing" you know what? I don't give a damn what you think; you don't like the column, don't read it. [Editor's note: there was a mistake in last week's column. The sentence describing Newsom's political calculations should have read: "Clearly, political calculation is not what drives Newsom." We regret the error.]

Not that Assemblyman Mark

Leno (D-San Francisco) has anything to worry about (he got the highest vote on the entire county ballot in March) but the Log Cabin Republicans of San Francisco have this to say about his November GOP opponent, Gail Neira: "[She] is out of the mainstream, and we view her as very hostile to gay rights; we cannot allow her to carry the banner for the party."

Assemblyman Mark Leno was honored, along with Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg (D-Los Angeles) at last week's annual Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom dinner. San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris gave the keynote address. Leno and Goldberg received the organization's Legal Services Award. Immigration Equality received BALIF's Community Service Award.



Laura Spanjian

In other local political news, Laura Spanjian was elected the new co-chair of the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club last week. Spanjian replaces Theresa Sparks, who had served two terms, and will join co-chair Rich Kowalewski, who was elected to his second term. Spanjian, who was the legislative aide to former Supervisor Leslie Katz, said she wants to focus the club on electing more LGBT leaders, particularly lesbians, in San Francisco.

Even Republican members of the Assembly have high praise for the new speaker, Fabian Nunez (D-Los Angeles). After a revolving door of relatively anonymous speakers, Nunez, 37, could hold the Assembly's most powerful post until 2008, when term limits will end his tenure. Democrats now hold 48 of 80 Assembly seats, and it will be part of Nunez's job to make sure they maintain that edge in this year's elections.

And how was your week? ▼

Got a political tip? E-mail WayneFridaySF@aol.com



Wilbur
HOT SPRINGS
A SANCTUARY FOR THE SELF
ESTABLISHED 1865

Victorian hotel and hot springs
Nestled into 1800 private acres

In all the world no waters like these....

530-473-2306
www.wilburhotsprings.com

2 1/2 hours N.E. of San Francisco Special Midweek Rates

Saint Agnes Parish Welcomes You!

Holy Thursday, April 8th
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 9th
Stations of the Cross:
Noon - Outdoors along Haight Street and
2PM in the Church

Saturday, April 10th
Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 11
Liturgies 8:30AM & 10:30AM, no 6PM Liturgy
1025 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco
(415) 487-8560

Inclusive + Diverse + Jesuit

SunTrips
www.suntrips.com

All departures from convenient Oakland International Airport!
SELECT APRIL-JUNE 2004 DEPARTURES
VALID FOR SELECTED MAY/JUNE DEPARTURES

Hawai'i 4-DAY PACKAGE TO OAHU FROM \$399* Castille Hawaiian Monarch	Mexico 4-DAY PACKAGE TO PUERTO VALLARTA FROM \$359* Hotel San Marino-BP	Costa Rica 8-DAY PACKAGE FROM \$699* Villa del Sol Hotel & Beach-BP
MAUI 8-DAY *** Meui Seaside \$699*	LOS CABO 5-DAY *** Calinda Cabo-EP \$429*	8-DAY *** Tamorindo Diria-BP \$749*
KAUAI 8-DAY *** Kauai Sands \$679*	CANCUN 4-DAY *** Barcelo Las Perlas-EP \$429*	*** Allegro Papagayo-AI \$999* ECO-TOUR from \$1099*

Packages include round trip airfare, 7-night accommodations, meals, taxes, gratuities, airport transfers, and luggage. SunTrips is not responsible for excise taxes.

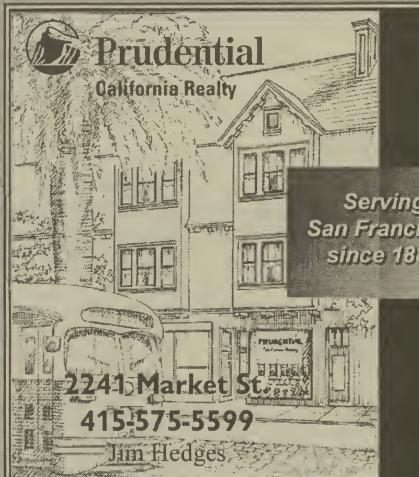
NONSTOP OR DIRECT ROUNDTRIP "Air Only" ALSO AVAILABLE!!
(EP) European Plan, (BP) Breakfast Plan, (AI) All-Inclusive. All-Inclusive Packages: Includes Drinks, Meal & Activities.

YANKEE CLIPPER TRAVEL
CALL TOLL FREE 866.356.2260 • 703 MARKET #251 @ 3rd
CST #2071282-40

Prudential
California Realty

Serving San Francisco since 1887

2241 Market St.
415.575.5599
Jim Hedges



COMMUNITY NEWS

Chronicle photographer speaks out

by Matthew S. Bajko

Speaking for the first time publicly, *San Francisco Chronicle* photographer Liz Mangelsdorf disputed the notion that she could no longer remain objective covering the same-sex marriage story because she had wed her spouse, *Chronicle* Hall reporter Rachel Gordon.

"Any personal vested interest we had in the story has not changed from when we were a committed lesbian couple who wanted to get married to a lesbian couple who got married," Mangelsdorf told a gathering of gay and lesbian media professionals last Wednesday, March 24.

With Gordon sitting in the front row, Mangelsdorf said the couple felt let down by the newspaper's decision to pull the couple off the story after they wed last month.

"We respect that decision but disagree with that decision," she said. "We had hoped they would stand up for us after we got married."

Instead, the paper banned the two veteran journalists from covering the story, igniting a firestorm of criticism from both the local queer community and leaders of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. Steven Petrow, NLGJA national president, said he fears what the repercussions will be for other queer journalists working in cities with less gay-supportive populations.

"How is this going to play out across the country? I am concerned other journalists will pay a heavier price," said Petrow, who took part in the panel discussion before the local NLGJA chapter.

Chronicle managing editor Robert Rosenthal defended the paper's decision, saying reporters learn in Journalism 101 they are not allowed to become part of a story they are covering.

"The real issue here is the question of two people getting involved in the core of the story. In this case that is getting married," he said. "It was not about thinking they were going to change their coverage because they got married. It's about

getting involved in the act."

Rosenthal revealed that the paper did not come to its decision easily, saying the process "was not comfortable" for those involved. And he repeated earlier assertions by *Chronicle* editors that the decision had nothing to do with the two women's sexual orientation.

"It is not a question of are they fair or have bias or an agenda in their work. It never came up in my mind that their sexuality was an issue or that they were a couple," he said. "It was about them getting involved, specifically that they got married."

Mangelsdorf said she and Gordon opted to wed in order to secure the same protections for themselves as the other same-sex couples who married.

"We felt it was a legal right granted to us," she said. "Us getting married was a very private act. The last thing we wanted was for it to be a public issue or for it to become a public issue."

Noting that both women studied journalism ethics in college and engaged in lengthy debates with their colleagues and editors over the issue, Mangelsdorf said neither she nor Gordon viewed their getting married in black or white terms.

"There are a lot of gray areas here," she said.

Petrow said his organization's members are divided on the question of whether the women were right in marrying or should have decided to wait until the legal questions had been resolved.

"If they understand the marriage was meant to be a political act or civil disobedience than it is an issue. If it was a private act done at home then it isn't a problem," he said.

When asked if it would have mattered if the women had gone to Canada to wed or to Massachusetts this May when gay marriage becomes legal in that state, Rosenthal said he didn't know how to answer the question.

"This is new uncharted ground right now," he said.

The paper did discuss adding a disclaimer to Gordon's stories, but Rosenthal said there was some



Rick Gerhardt

Liz Mangelsdorf

COMMISSIONED OIL PAINTINGS



KIT ADAMO 510-703-3402

Congratulations
Newlyweds!

You've waited long enough
now it's time to

CELEBRATE

**DENON
& DOYLE**
disc jockey company

We're straight but not narrow

Alternative www.djaj.com
415-861-5021
Bay Area's Most Experienced Wedding Disc Jockeys



101 REASONS TO USE
**JIM LAUFENBERG
and LISA CAMOZZI**
AS YOUR REALTORS

COLDWELL
BANKER

1 TOP CALIBER. #1 AGENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO'S TOP SELLING OFFICE.

2 TOUGH NEGOTIATORS. COMMITTED TO GETTING YOU TOP DOLLAR.

3 EXPERIENCE. IN DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF CONSTRUCTION & RENT CONTROL ISSUES.

4 LOYALTY. BUILDING TRUST FOR LIFE.

5 DEPENDABILITY. WE'RE ON THE SPOT WHEN YOU NEED US.

6-101 CALL TODAY TO LEARN MORE! 415-621-4114
jim@sf-realty.com

m.d
Michael Daniels Collection



Mokume Gane - The True Marriage
of Precious Metals

GALLERY

FLUX

4092 18th Street (18th & Castro), San Francisco, CA 94114
Appointments Recommended / P: 415.863.5892
Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11am-8pm / Sunday 11am-6pm

Antique Faire - Sunday, 6am to 3pm
Alameda Point Antiques & Collectibles Faire 510-869-5428



AUCTIONS BY THE BAY, INC.

Warehouse/Annex Auction: Monday, April 5th, 11AM
Held in Bldg. 25, next to the Alameda Point Antiques & Collectibles Faire

Previews: Sunday, April 4th, 9am-4pm; Day of Sale at 9am

Free Appraisal Clinic: Weds, April 7th, 10AM - 2PM (limit 5 items)

Estate Auction:
Saturday, April 10th, 11AM

Held in our main gallery, 2751 Todd Street, Alameda

Previews: Sunday, April 4th, 9am-4pm;

Friday, April 9th, 11am-6pm; Day of Sale at 9am

Featuring 19th and 20th century furniture, a collection of cast iron garden ornaments and urns, a number of Herend Porcelains, Asian ceramics, lots of books including a collection of 27 first edition books by noted Illustrator Barry Moser, a complete 50 volume set of The Baja California Travel Series & a small grouping of refined Vintage clothing and much, much more!

Experience Auctions in our Art Deco Movie Palace, ebay live or liveauctioneers.com
Full color catalog available online at www.auctionsbythebay.com or call 1-800-380-9822
Ask about our "No Risk Consignment Policy" • Only 20 minutes drive from San Francisco

www.stores.ebay.com/auctionsbythebay

Auctions By The Bay, Inc.
2700 Saratoga Street
Alameda, CA 94501
Bond #M504666



The goods and/or services described above are those of an eBay Stores seller, not eBay Inc. eBay and the eBay Stores logo are trademarks of eBay Inc.

dignity | san francisco



LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER CATHOLICS • OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS
Mass & Social Every Sunday 5:30pm Second Sunday Supper monthly
1329 SEVENTH AVENUE, AT JUDAH STREET • 415.681.2491 • JOIN US!

Authenticity, Intuition, and Creativity**May 23rd-28th, 2004***A personal growth workshop for gay and bisexual men at Esalen Institute in beautiful Big Sur*

For more information please call:
Justin Hecht, Ph.D.
(415) 673-0283
email: justinhecht@prodigy.net

To register, call Esalen Institute (831) 667-3000

Share in the Joy of Fellowship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

April 4 Palm Sunday 10AM - Oddfellows Hall
April 9 Good Friday 7PM - Guerneville Community Church
April 11 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7AM - Redwood Memorial Gardens; Easter Sunday Service 10AM Oddfellows Hall



Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwood Empire
Rev. Elisabeth Middelberg, Pastor
Oddfellows Hall, 16219 First Street, Guerneville • (707) 869-0552

The Only Gay Owned Agency on the Russian River.**Prudential**
California Realty West Countyprudentialsonoma.com**RIDENHOUR RANCH ESTATE**

Estate home with 6 bed & 6 baths on approx 2.3 acres with detached guest unit with 3 - 1 bedroom suites. Features

fireplaces, hardwood floors, professional kitchen, views, open meadow, spa, barn and much more...\$1,450,000

**STUNNING JENNER**

Wonderful Russian River views from this 3 bed, 2 bath river front home with flexible floor plan that functions perfectly as a 2 bed, 1 bath with separate 1 bed guest apartment with kitchen and separate entrance. View from the wall of glass in your living room is spectacular. \$650,000

**OCEAN/RIVER COMBO - RARELY AVAILABLE**

Home is located RIGHT at the mouth of the Russian River to the Pacific Ocean - WOW! If a

spectacular one of a kind setting and access to the river, ocean and beach are important... this is it! \$1,000,000

**ULTIMATE RIVERFRONT**

Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home nicely upgraded with ideal Russian River access. Spa, dock

and much more - see visual tour at www.prudentialsonoma.com garage and much, much more. \$599,900

Don't forget - www.prudentialsonoma.com,
check out this week's hot properties!

(707) 869-9011 (800) 974-9013
Russian River
16315 Main Street. Guerneville



The view entering Guerneville includes its picturesque Main Street

Ed Walsh

B.A.R. travel special, part one**Rolling on the river**

by Ed Walsh

When are these gays going to leave?" asked a big-haired Texas woman, husband in tow, as she entered the tourist information storefront of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce in Guerneville last summer.

"They're not, honey," answered Opal Pullaro, a 60ish, heterosexu-

al, but very gay-friendly employee at the information desk.

The chamber's openly gay executive director, Steve Fogel, recounted that story to the *Bay Area Reporter* with amusement last week. The Texas couple's visit coincided with the Lazy Bear Weekend, which has morphed into the Lazy Bear Week, and is the Russian River area's biggest tourist draw. Fogel noted that this year, all hotel rooms in Guerneville and surrounding areas have already sold out for the event, scheduled to begin July 14. The largest and oldest predominantly gay resort in the area, Fife's, sold out for the event on January 2, just three hours after it began to accept reservations.

The growing popularity of Lazy Bear, along with other special Guerneville events, including the Women's Weekend, April 30 and September 17, and Sundance

Weekend, August 7, are symbolic of the renaissance of the Russian River as a gay getaway, gay business owners say.

Guerneville, an easy 90-minute drive north of San Francisco, is a world apart from the city but it has long been the city's playground. Fogel estimates that in 1940, the area boasted 14,000 hotel rooms and cabins. Now it has about 3,000, as many of the former vacation cabins have been taken over by permanent residents. In 1978, Peter Pender took over the old Murphy's family resort, fixed it up, and reopened it as Fife's, the area's first gay resort. Others soon followed, making Guerneville the gay getaway capital of Northern California.

Most of the gay resorts are flush now with new owners, new money, and a renewed enthusiasm for returning Guerneville to the

page 14 ►



Dr. Christopher Amore
CHIROPRACTOR

CERTIFIED CHIROPRACTIC SPORTS PRACTITIONER

- Neck and Back Pain •
- Auto Injuries • Whiplash •
- Sports Injuries • Work Injuries •
- Massage therapy available
- 4411 Geary Blvd., Suite 100, S.F. 751-BACK 751-2225
- Open until 7 p.m. • Open Saturday •

FREE SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENT**DO YOU SMOKE CIGARETTES AND WANT TO QUIT?**

The Habit Abatement Clinic at University of California, San Francisco is offering a **FREE** research treatment program for smokers.

This study combines medication and counseling treatment.

For more information, please call

415.476.7455

or visit:

www.ucsf.edu/nosmoke





by and for all HIV+ gay and bisexual men



APRIL

For more information on any and all
positiveforce events, please call 415.865.0790
 x305. Visit us online at www.stopaids.org.

STOP
 AIDS
 PROJECT

1 Positive Force Focus Group Thursday, April 1, 5:30pm @ STOP AIDS Castro Office, 539 Castro @ 18th St A guest speaker from AIDS Housing Alliance will be speaking about housing/rental issues specific to the HIV-positive person. Come share your thoughts, feelings, and get some useful information.

6 PLUS Check-In Tuesday, April 6, 6:30pm @ STOP AIDS Castro Office, 539 Castro @ 18th St Still feeling the glow of the last PLUS seminar? Come and reunite with other PLUS participants in this social and informal drop in group. It's a great way to stay connected and get support.

7 Positive Force Book Club Wednesday, April 7, 6pm @ STOP AIDS Castro Office, 539 Castro @ 18th St Join the guys of Positive Force at their ongoing, bi-monthly Book Club. Stay up on the latest reading while connecting with other HIV+ gay and bi men. Call 415.865.0790 x305 to get current book info.

8 HIV + PNP Personal Activism in Response to The Crystal Epidemic Thursday, April 8, 6:30pm @ The SF LGBT Center, 1800 Market St @ Octavia St Join us for an evening of discussion on the topic of community activism in response to the crystal meth epidemic in SF and its relationship to HIV transmission. How have members of our community stepped up to the plate to be a part of the solution? Come hear how some community leaders are tackling the issue. This will be a moderator-lead panel discussion.

15 Cafe Poz Thursday, April 15, 1pm @ Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St Ready for a new afternoon routine? Make a date with other HIV+ men at Cafe Positive. The daytime social support event that is open to everyone. Gab with the guys about the latest treatment news flash and what you think is around the corner. Beverages and light lunch are on us.

16-17 Soul in the Woods
Required Orientation: Friday, April 16, 7pm @ STOP AIDS Office, 2128 15th St @ Market St This mandatory orientation features safety tips, meet and greet and yummy treats. RSVP for this event: 415.865.0790 x305.

The Great Escape: Saturday, April 17, 9am-3pm Join us for an amazing day in the Presidio. Get outdoors and share your experiences with all kinds of POZ men! Rain or shine, we'll provide the gear to keep you safe, warm and dry.

21 H Café Wednesday, April 21, 6:30pm @ H Café, 17th St @ Sanchez St Feeling the mid-week blues? Need a way to help finish off the month on an up note? Well, H Café is the place to be. The guys of Positive Force are out "en masse" at this great event.

28 Positive Force Book Club Wednesday, April 28, 6pm @ STOP AIDS Castro Office, 539 Castro @ 18th St Join the guys of Positive Force at the Positive Book Club. Stay up on the latest reading while connecting with other HIV+ gay and bi men. To find out what book we are reading call 865-0790 x305.

a personal trainer for your career**Eric Ganther**
CAREER COACH

eric@ericganther.com

415.218.6073

**Thinking of buying,
selling, or upgrading?
Meet Josh Bottfeld-****His
experience
can work
for you!**Take advantage of Josh's
years of experience and
knowledge of the local
real estate market and let
it work for you in your
next property transaction!Josh Bottfeld
415.695.0552 x157
4040 24th St.
San Francisco
CA 94114**Do you suffer from
HIV NEUROPATHY?**

- No Cost for Study Medication
- Compensation for Your Time

If you are at least 18 years old, HIV-positive and suffer from pain, burning or tingling in your feet, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study.

Please contact:
Lonnie Leonard, RN, Study Coordinator
First Clinical Research
(415) 682.2430 • lleonard@firstclinical.com

Russian River

◀ page 12

popularity it saw in the 1980s. They're banking on its natural beauty as part of Sonoma County's wine country and its nightlife.

"We call ourselves the wild side of the wine country," Fife's marketing and events director, Diane Maldauer, told the B.A.R. "But you also have the wild side in terms of nature. People don't know all that there is to do up here, canoeing, hiking, biking, and kayaking," she added.

Where to stay

A wide range of resorts, hotels, cabins, and vacation rental homes offers something for every traveler. Room rates run from \$40 for a small cabin room at the bucolic Highlands Resort, to \$345 for the most expensive suite at the upscale Applewood Inn.

Fife's (16467 River Road, 800-7-FIFES-1) is a super-complex that sits on 15 acres, with 55 units, up to 100 campsites, a restaurant and bar, and one of the best gyms in the area. Fife's current owner, Michael Clark, took over in January 2002 and immediately shut it down for nearly four months for renovation. He's managed to maintain the 99-year-old resort's rustic charm while keeping it comfortable and up to date. Day-trippers – those just up for the day – are welcome to use the resort grounds, pool, and beach for free but if you're not staying there, use of the gym is \$5/day or \$35/month.

Another of the area's best-known gay resorts is the Russian River Resort, or Triple-R (16390 Fourth Street; 800-41-RESORT). It sports 24 motel-style units that surround its pool, bar, and restaurant. This resort is a great spot if you like being around a lot of people and in the middle of the party. The crowd is overwhelmingly gay men, but its owner, Jeff Bridges, emphasizes that everyone is welcome. Like Fife's, day trippers are also welcome. But

if you want to stay overnight, book early, rooms fill up fast.

Triple R's newest neighbor is The Woods, (16484 Fourth Street; 1-800-767-1759.) It used to be called Xen. The new name officially begins this week and is in nostalgic tribute to the defunct resort complex on Armstrong Woods Road. It includes 18 units, many with balconies, fireplaces, and full kitchens. The resort's new owner, Michael Preaseau, like many of the gay resort owners, first came to Guerneville as a get-away but liked it so much that he decided to stay. He plans to infuse The Woods with at least \$100,000 worth of improvements. By the way, Preaseau's mother, Verna Preaseau, took over the business he used to run, Russian River Concierge (1-800-403-1744). It's a great one-stop reservation and general information service and includes a number of vacation rental homes in the area. Verna is a busy lady. She's also president of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce. Day-trippers are also welcome at The Woods.

One of the most upscale of the resorts in Guerneville is the Retreat Resort and Spa (14711 Armstrong Woods Road, 866-73-RELAX). Its 12 units are beautifully decorated and impeccably maintained. The resort itself evokes a lush, luxurious feel. The grounds feature a backyard with a bridge over its own private creek. The rooms center on a hot tub and pool. The resort employs a full-time aesthetician and features a complete spa with a menu of options including massage, facials, and spray-on tanning. Plans are in the works to open a wine bar on May 15. The bar will be open to the general public, giving bar patrons the perfect opportunity to sample the resort.

Highlands Resort (14000 Woodland Drive; 707-869-0333) is beautifully situated on a hill in downtown Guerneville. Although it is a close walking distance to everything downtown, it sits in a wooded oasis and feels like a world apart. It includes 16 units with space for 20 campsites. The complex features one of the biggest pools in the area and is clothing optional. It promotes itself as a gay and lesbian resort that is "straight friendly." Day use is available for \$5 weekdays and \$10 on the weekends.

The Inn at The Willows (15905 River Road; 1-800-953-2828) is a 10-room guesthouse overlooking the river. Its expansive river front grounds are also open for campers and its meadow is a perfect spot for the commitment ceremonies that it often hosts. A couple of the rooms are being converted into a spa that will offer a full range of services. Day use is \$10.

The historic Village Inn (20822 River Boulevard, Monte Rio; 1-800-303-2303) in nearby Monte Rio provides spectacular views of the river. Although not marketed as a "gay resort," the gay couple who own it estimate that about half of its guests are gay. It's undoubtedly one of the most beautiful buildings on the river and was the setting for the movie, *Holiday Inn*.

The area's poshest resort, Applewood Inn (13555 Highway

116; 1-800-555-8509) features a spa, pool, hot tub, bar, and restaurant. Each room is so beautifully decorated that it is like a work of art by itself. A gay couple that owns the 19-room inn has put it on the market for \$6.5 million and hopes to sell it before winter.

Another of the Guerneville's popular gay-friendly resorts is the Creekside Inn and Resort, (16180 Neeley Road; 1-800-776-6586). It features a 50-50 gay-straight mix. Of course, the gay quotient rises during special gay events.

Fern Grove Cottages (16650 River Road; 707-869-8105) sits on a hillside across from Fife's. Its 20 units are popular with folks who want to be close to the party but not in the party. Many of its cabins include skylights and whirlpool tubs.

Bars

One of the first things you see when you enter downtown Guerneville is the marquee sign for Club FAB (16135 Main Street), the biggest gay nightclub north of the Golden Gate that's on the site of the historic River Theater. The club is most famous for its foam parties and is jam packed during gay river special events. For a complete club schedule, check out its Web site, www.clubfab.com, or call 707-869-5708.

Guerneville year-round favorites include, of course, the Rainbow Cattle Company, (16220 Main Street), the Russian River Eagle (16225 Main Street), and the poolside bar at the Triple-R (16390 Fourth Street). In addition to its year-round bar and restaurant, Fife's hosts its legendary Bunkhouse dance club on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the summer.

Restaurants

The Coffee Bazaar (14045 Armstrong Woods Road) in downtown Guerneville is a great place not only for coffee but for a quick meal. Bob Young, a well-known Guerneville Realtor, and the owner of the Russian River Eagle owns it.

The restaurants in Fife's, The Village Inn, and Applewood Inn are among the best dining you'll find anywhere in California. The Texas barbecue, Aussie Tims, opened in December as part of the Triple-R complex.

Getting there

From San Francisco: Take 101 north past downtown Santa Rosa, exit at River Road and make a left on River Road, heading west for about 17 miles. River Road turns into Guerneville's Main Street when you hit downtown.

FYI

Russian River Chamber of Commerce, www.RussianRiver.com, 707-869-9000 or 1-877-644-9001. For lesbian-specific event information contact RAGS (River Area Gal Society) at www.rivergals.com. ▼

Next week: Get it before it's too hot: Real estate boozing on the river. In two weeks: No low flow: The river's hottest political issue.

MAZDA

Ranked #1 Volume Mazda Dealer in Northern California

2004 RX-8\$288 Mo. +
Tax50 Out of Pocket
(W/ College Grad Rebate)\$11,988 and
3.9% APR
Up to 60 monthsSale Price: \$12,488
College Grad or Loyalty: \$600
VIN #: 1L2B6613
30 In Stock100% FUN.
0% FINANCING
In lieu of any rebates.**MENLO MAZDA**543 El Camino Real
Redwood City, CA. 94063
www.menlomazda.com**TEST DRIVE A MAZDA TODAY.**

SAVE THE RUSSIAN RIVER!

NO LOW FLOW!

www.russianriverhomes.com

An Independently Owned
and Operated Brokerage Office

COMMUNITY NEWS

Milk Club

◀ page 1

Francisco Chronicle in a story on the gay marriages that were then under way in San Francisco. According to the bylaws, candidates endorsed by the club are expected to refrain from taking public positions in favor of policies denying rights to any person on the basis of gender identity or sexual identity or oppose propositions to secure basic rights for said groups.

After Boxer's comments appeared in the *Chronicle* and club officers researched the bylaws, it was decided to ask for a meeting with the senator's staff.

"We were informed by other members of the club that [Boxer's] language goes against the club's bylaws," Goldstein said, adding that the president of the club is charged with notifying the candidate and getting a written response within 24 hours. Goldstein explained that the board allowed itself and the senator's office more time to reach a resolution.

Boxer released a statement last week.

"I support full equality for all couples, regardless of the gender of the individuals. I believe that both different sex and same-sex couples should have the same rights, protections, and benefits as well as the same responsibilities under state and federal law. I understand that current California law does not provide the full equality I initially thought it did," Boxer stated.

She added that she has been a "consistent advocate" for equal rights throughout her career and that she opposes the proposed federal constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex marriage.

Goldstein had praise for Boxer's staff members who met with them, including Chief of Staff Sam Chapman and Adrienne Bousian, the director of the senator's Northern California office. Bousian is now working for the Boxer campaign.

Late Tuesday, Chapman issued a statement confirming the meeting.

"I did in fact meet with members of the Harvey Milk Club to hear their thoughts and concerns on the issue, and I was pleased to meet with them and convey their views to the senator. In response, the senator issued a statement which is accurately quoted in their release," Chapman said, referring to the Milk Club's announcement.

"The meeting went fairly well. They were highly apologetic," Goldstein said this week. "We explained how hurtful this was for both the club and, we understand, Senator Boxer. We were the first club to support her in 1982. In almost all cases she has voted the right way."

Goldstein, who just took over as Milk Club president in January, said the bylaws provision is seldom used.

Howard Wallace, a longtime gay labor leader and a Milk Club

vice president who also attended the meeting, told the B.A.R. that Boxer's statement was "a step forward."

"I wish she had addressed the comment she made about marriage being between a man and a woman," Wallace said.

Wallace was referring to a comment in the same *Chronicle* story by Boxer spokesman David Sandretti, who said that the senator "supports current California law, establishing domestic partnerships with the full rights and responsibility of marriage, and she also agrees with the law's definition that marriage is between a man and a woman."

"Her aide in D.C. took it a step further," Goldstein said, referring to Sandretti's comments. "That's where we became infuriated."

Goldstein acknowledged that the club would have been happier "to see stronger language mentioning 'marriage.'"

"But we also understand that she's running against a formidable candidate or at least against formidable forces," Goldstein said, referring to Jones and his support from the Republican Party.

Debra Walker, a former Milk Club president and currently vice

page 17 ▶

SAN DIEGO
A Lifestyle to Enjoy

Discover The Secret...
MOVE...I DID!

Former Award Winning SF Agent
619.347.3939
For Direct MLS Access: www.JimSellsSD.com

JIM BEITZEL
BANKERS HILL
PROPERTIES

APRIL EVENTS**FIRST FRIDAYS**

Looking for real conversation with real guys? Or just want to meet and make some new friends? Join us at our regular monthly social group for HIV+ men. Refreshments provided.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 7PM
@ STOP AIDS Castro
Office, 539 Castro @ 18th

**Monogamy vs.
Non-Monogamy**

Some say gay men are naturally non-monogamous. Yet many men crave monogamy. Whether you are dating or in a LTR, how to navigate these sexual choices can be challenging. Come share your experiences and hear how others make it work for them.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 7PM @ STOP AIDS Project,
2128 15th St @ Market St

**More Than the
Sum of Our Parts
(2 PART SERIES)**

In this two-part series, we will examine the important role self-esteem plays in our lives. Through shared stories and interactive exercises, participants will learn new ways to support ourselves and each other. Second part on Thursday, April 15.

PART 1
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 7PM @ STOP AIDS Project, 2128 15th St @ Market St

PART 2
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 7PM @ STOP AIDS Project, 2128 15th St @ Market St

Dining Out For Life is April 29. Check out www.diningoutforlife.com, and click on San Francisco.

All Events Are Free! Space is limited.

To register, or for more information,
visit stopaids.org or call us at 415.575.0155

**STOP AIDS
PROJECT**

**Aesthetic Enhancement
Medical clinic**

- Laser Hair Removal
- Endermologie
- Microdermabrasion
- Facials/Peels

Ken Mauldin, RN
Jeannie Wong, Clinical Esthetician
415-567-1791
1700 California St., Suite 500

**WALLBEDS
and space saving furniture****Patented
Wallbed System**

- No Bolting to the Floor
- All Sizes Available

ALSO:

- Platform Storage Beds
- Closet Systems
- Armoires
- Home Office
- Dressers



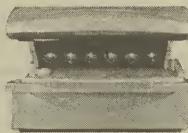
Platform Storage Beds from \$349

Wallbeds from \$1,299

Wallbed Groups (as shown) from \$2,699

VISIT OUR NEW FACTORY SHOWROOM
1355 Fitzgerald Avenue, San Francisco - Open Mon-Sat 10-5
Call for Directions/Free Brochure - (415) 822-0184

"State-of-the-Art"
High Pressure Tanning



ultrabronz 950

Where else, but at ...



The Castro's World Class Tanning Salon

329 Noe St. near Market 415.701.1080 www.sorrentosun.com



Cowden  **Automotive**

A part of the gay community since 1978.

(415) 777-9858

875 FOLSOM JUST EAST OF 5TH STREET
WWW.CITYSEARCH.COM/SFO/COWDENAUTO



William Owen, Jr., M.D.
Carl Stein, PA-C

415.861.2400
www.owenmed.com

45 Castro St., Suite 402
San Francisco
© Davies Medical Center

Gay Health Care Since 1979

**ANNOUNCING NEW POTENTIAL TREATMENTS
FOR METABOLIC COMPLICATIONS OF
HIV-ASSOCIATED LIPODYSTROPHY**

HIV-POSITIVE?
HAVE YOU HAD ANY CHANGES IN
YOUR BODY FAT PATTERN?

RESEARCHERS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR TWO DIFFERENT STUDIES TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF NEW EXPERIMENTAL MEDICATIONS ON YOUR BLOOD LEVELS OF SUGARS AND FATS, AND ON BODY FAT CHANGES.

EACH STUDY LASTS FOR 6 MONTHS. STUDY VISITS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND WILL INCLUDE PERIODS OF HOSPITALIZATION ON A RESEARCH WARD. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FINISHING THE STUDIES IS UP TO \$1,000.

For initial telephone screening, please call:
Dr. Hootan Khatami (415) 206-4185, or
Viva Tai, MPH, RD (415) 206-4090

take your skin to
the next level...

microdermabrasion
\$89

BOTOX
Cosmetic
Botulinum Toxin Type A

from \$150 per area
John Mills, M.D.



photo: steven underhill

ALWAYSTAN
skin + body

550-b castro street san francisco 415.626.8505 www.alwaystanskinandbody.com

out vs. in.

(historically, it's better to stick it out with the market instead of cashing in.)

- Investments • Income Tax Management • Estate Planning
- Domestic Partner Planning • Risk Protection • Retirement

Call today for a complimentary initial consultation.

(415) 623-2454

Brandon J. Miller, CFP® Lic. CA 0C88907

44 Montgomery St., #4210 SF, CA 94104
brandon.j.miller@aepp.com

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.
American Express Financial Advisors Inc. Member NASD.
American Express Company is separate from
American Express Financial Advisors Inc. and is not a broker-dealer.

© 2002 American Express Financial Corporation. All rights reserved.

Syphilis cases stabilize

by Matthew S. Bajko

With April designated as Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, city health officials are stepping up efforts to educate gay men about the need to get regularly tested for STDs. And while education campaigns for the last several years have focused on syphilis, officials are also trying to educate gay men about chlamydia and rectal gonorrhea.

As part of the campaign, screenings for chlamydia and rectal gonorrhea are being added at Magnet, the gay men's health clinic in the Castro, and at San Francisco General Hospital. The health department is also rolling out a big campaign this month to ensure providers have syphilis partner prevention packs for their patients.

"We have a long way to go to get men into a testing mode where they get regular STD tests and checkups. Men not in routine care who think they are not at risk really need to get a checkup," said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of STD prevention for the Department of Public Health. "The HIV infected community is doing a lot better in that regard. Patients get a lot more routine STD tests."

Part of the problem, said Klausner, is that compared to women, men are less likely to seek regular care and checkups.

"We still need to work very hard at that level to get people who are sexually active with multiple partners to a point where they get regular checkups," said Klausner.

There is some good news regarding the city's continuing fight to control syphilis. According to data for the first two months of 2004, the number of adult syphilis cases is slightly less than during the same period last year, 107 cases compared to 121 cases in 2003. As for new syphilis cases, the city recorded 51 primary and secondary cases so far this year compared to 63 during the first two months of 2003 and saw 34 early latent cases this year compared to 38 cases last year.

"It absolutely looks great com-

pared to last year. The city is no longer in crisis mode with syphilis," said Dr. Charlotte Kent, chief of the STD epidemiology unit, who pointed to rising levels of awareness about STDs for the downward trend in cases.

"It is more to the fact that people are getting tested and diagnosed and not as much as a reservoir of infection," she said. "I don't see evidence to predict huge behavior changes to affect infections."

Writing in the February 3, 2004 monthly STD report, Klausner noted that "2003 did not see the continued rapid escalation of the syphilis epidemic" and in fact the city saw a "relatively steady decline" in early syphilis cases since April 2003. Instead of the doubling of syphilis cases the city has seen each year since 1999, there was only a 10 percent increase in 2003.

However, those numbers are still too high for health officials

and make San Francisco a metropolitan area with one of the highest syphilis rates in the country.

"We would like to get back to where we were in 1998, with maybe a dozen cases of syphilis in gay and bisexual men," said Klausner. "We still have a long way to get back to the 1998 level."

The city also saw positive downward trends in the number of gonorrhea and chlamydia cases, which were "relatively stable or declined in 2003 compared to 2002," wrote Klausner in the report. Gonorrhea cases declined 15 percent last year while chlamydia remained stable.

Yet Kent said she is concerned about a sudden spike in male rectal gonorrhea this winter. In January and February, the city saw 72 cases compared to 40 during the same two months in 2003.

"I made sure those numbers were correct because I was really next page ►

Events during STD Awareness Month

compiled by Matthew S. Bajko

With April designated STD Awareness Month, the health department's STD Prevention and Control Branch, the Stop AIDS Project, and Magnet, the gay men's health center in the Castro, have joined to promote several "Tune-Up" events this month.

The effort is focused on getting guys tuned up and tested for sexually transmitted diseases. The groups are offering free and confidential STD testing at various locations.

The following is a list of activities; the public is invited to attend.

- April 2, 1 to 6 p.m.: Stop AIDS members will be at the adult bookstore Folsom Gulch, 947 Folsom Street, in SOMA to answer questions and promote STD testing.
- April 6, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Tune Up at Trannyshack (The Stud), 399 9th Street. Anyone who takes advantage of free STD testing will receive reduced admission of \$4.
- April 21, 8 to 10 p.m.: Magnet "Smack Drip," 4122 18th Street. Open mike with "Healthy Penis" and "Phil," the characters from the city's Healthy Penis campaign. Individuals are invited to share their STD stories.
- April 24, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Tune Up in the Castro at Magnet, 4122 18th Street.
- April 29, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Tune Up in SOMA at Powerhouse, 1347 Folsom. ▀

They're beating a path to our door.



Single Family:
3 bdrm, 2 bath
\$895,000



Single Family:
3 bdrm, 2 bath
\$749,000



Single Family:
3 bdrm, 2 bath
\$729,000



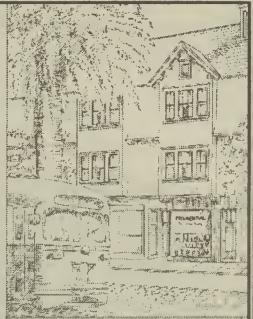
Condo:
1 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 p/kg
\$465,000



Single Family:
3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 p/kg
\$1,160,000



Condo:
2 bdrm, 1 bath, 2 p/kg
\$649,000



For 116 years
buyers and sellers
have come to us
for professional
representation
in their
real estate needs.
For experience
with enthusiasm,
respect and
integrity talk to
one of our full-time
agents.

Prudential
California Realty

2241 Market St.
415-575-5599

Jim Hedges
manager

OBITUARIES

William Richard "Rick" Meier-Windes



Rick Windes, born in West Germany, January 21, 1955, departed this life in the presence of his beloved partner of twenty-three years, Joe "Cris" Allen Meier-Windes, on March 14, 2004, after a long illness.

Rick attended North Carolina State, UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, and finished his degree at the University of San Francisco in 1988. He worked for the Stud Bar, Leticia's Restaurants, and the US Army as a civil servant. An accomplished competitive swimmer, Rick helped to found and organize Team San Francisco, the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Association (IGLA), and the San Francisco Tsunami Gay and Lesbian Swim Club, after competing at

Gay Games I in 1982. He volunteered tirelessly on behalf of the sport he loved. Rick officiated at local, regional, national and international meets as a Stroke and Turn Judge, Starter and Meet Referee. He actively participated in club boards, regional and national committees, and conventions in the administration end of swimming since 1986. Rick received numerous awards, among them two Cable Car Awards; two Pacific Masters Swimming Contributor of the Year Awards; and one each for Apex Award, United States Masters Swimming Donnelly Service Award, IGLA Service Award, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Service Award, and San Francisco Tsunami Swim Club Service Award.

His many devoted friends and family will sadly miss him. He is survived by family members including his father Col. William S. Windes, USAF (Ret.), his sisters Michele and John Earnest, Robin and Brad McMurray, his aunt and uncles Betty and Tom Willis and Richard Hill, and his many cousins, among them Bill Willis, Rachel, John Michael and

Scott Earnest, Colleen, Conner and Calvin McMurray. Rick's mother Virginia Windes preceded him in death seven years earlier.

A special thanks to the staffs and volunteers for their support at Coming Home Hospice and Open Hand. A memorial award will be established in Rick's name to honor the fastest distance swimmer at the IGLA championships. Make checks payable to: San Francisco Masters, and mail to San Francisco Tsunami, 584 Castro St., #145, San Francisco, CA 94114-2594. In the memo section write: Rick Windes.



Alfonso Carlos Mendez

August 3, 1949 —

March 18, 2004

Friend, you will always have a place in my heart. You will be truly missed. Love, Greg.

When friends visit, don't put yourself out...
...put them up at

The Willows Inn

Comfort ◊ Amenities ◊ Location

www.WillowsSF.com

710 14th Street
Steps away from Muni & the F-line

415-431-4770

Syphilis

◀ previous page

alarmed by them. It is something that goes through cycles," said Kent, who noted the 41 cases seen in January was the highest number of cases the city has had in one month in over a year.

The reason for the concern is, similar to syphilis: both STDs can make it easier for a person to acquire HIV. Chlamydia and gonorrhea can both cause an inflammation in the rectum. Health officials warn that if a negative person who has one of the STDs is exposed to HIV then they are three to five times more likely to get infected. Both STDs are easy to treat with antibiotics.

At City Clinic, any men who report receptive anal sex in the past six months are tested for chlamydia and gonorrhea. Among the men tested in 2003, 8.8 percent had rectal chlamydia and 7.5

percent had rectal gonorrhea.

While those are "very similar" to 2002 percentages, Kent said, "it is a pretty high percentage. Less than 4 percent would be better. One of the things that is happening is the percentage of men tested who have these rectal infections is pretty stable but men coming in to be tested has gone up so the actual number of infections we are detecting is going up."

As an example, in December 2001 city clinic saw 6,634 gay and bi men, in December 2002 that number rose to 8,570 and last December it climbed to 10,032.

"It definitely does correspond to the Healthy Penis campaign. Syphilis is beginning to plateau because more people are getting tested," said Kent. "It will take a while for rectal gonorrhea and chlamydia to flatten out and plateau. I have no idea what it will take year wise."

Part of the problem in controlling gonorrhea is the STD can be

asymptomatic and some providers do not test for rectal infections, and many men never get tested for chlamydia, said Kent.

"The penis is a less common site for infection for both gonorrhea and chlamydia," she said. "There is not much gonorrhea in the penis among asymptomatic men, less than 1 percent have gonorrhea. Contrast that to gonorrhea in the rectum and almost 7 percent who have no symptoms have gonorrhea in the rectum."

As the city has put more focus on syphilis, it is also seeing more gonorrhea and chlamydia infections in gay men. Kent predicted more attention will be given to all three STDs, and she said gay men should ensure they get tested for them.

"We have to educate providers. They are more aware about syphilis in some ways," she said. "The gay community should also be aware, they should be asking their providers for these tests." ▼

Milk Club

◀ page 15

chair of the LGBT Caucus of the California Democratic Party, also attended the meeting. She said it became obvious that Boxer's staff members had been considering the issue and had received Goldstein's letter.

"As we got there it was clear they had been thinking about it. The first thing they said was that Senator Boxer apologized for being misinformed of California law," Walker said. "Clearly, she changed her position."

Molly McKay with Marriage Equality California told the B.A.R. that she was very pleased with the news.

"This is huge," McKay said, adding that MECA had talked about Boxer's February comments

with Milk Club members. "It's a very different position and I'm really proud of the fact that she restated her position."

Pelosi's shift

In a related move, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco), in an interview on the Fox program *Your World with Neil Cavuto* on March 24, said she supports same-sex marriage. It marked the first time Pelosi had publicly commented on the matter since San Francisco started issuing the marriage certificates to same-sex couples on February 12. When Cavuto first asked her about gay marriage, Pelosi said she was "completely committed" to defeating the proposed constitutional amendment backed by President Bush that would prohibit same-sex marriage. Under additional questioning from

Cavuto, however, Pelosi acknowledged that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry.

"Can same-sex couples marry?" Cavuto asked.

"Yes," Pelosi replied, according to a transcript of the program. "And I don't think they should be discriminated in the Constitution. And my goal is to defeat that resolution. And I'm not going to be sidetracked by any other questions about ethics."

"So what the mayor of San Francisco is doing, you would approve of it?" Cavuto asked.

"Yes," Pelosi responded. The National Stonewall Democrats and Equality California praised Pelosi's statements.

The most powerful Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives has just come out for full marriage equality," said Dave Noble, NSD executive director. ▼

Our home has been on Castro Street since 1965.



We'd like to help you with yours.

Herth Real Estate
555 Castro Street
415-861-5200
www.herth.com

HERTH
REAL ESTATE



When friends visit, don't put yourself out...
...put them up at

The Willows Inn

Comfort ◊ Amenities ◊ Location

www.WillowsSF.com

710 14th Street
Steps away from Muni & the F-line

415-431-4770

PALM SPRINGS?

Still San Francisco's most
trusted desert realtor.

Jay Margrey

760-323-5000 x123

psjfm@aol.com

Prudential
California Realty



do you live in

SOLANO
COUNTY

www.msminfo.org

Resources for Solano County Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)

call the MSM HOTLINE toll free, 24 hours a day
1-877-767-6465

or visit us on the WEB at www.msminfo.org

Sponsored by a grant from the State of California, Office of AIDS.

Solano Health Promotion & Education Bureau, AIDS Community Education

Our Philosophy is simple.

- To accommodate your wishes, your budget, and your attitudes about death, dying and parting rituals.
- To provide an environment where you make choices based on your own personal values.
- To do things your way, not someone else's way.

Neptune Society

OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1 Lorraine Court • San Francisco • 94118 • FD-1306

24 Hours (415) 771-0717



Personal and dignified cremation services. Call for our free brochure.

Or look us up at www.neptune-society.com

Please send me a free Neptune brochure.
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Get the
BAY AREA REPORTERBe assured of getting a copy of the Bay Area Reporter
every week by having it delivered right to your mailbox!

PAYMENT

Check or Money Order
 Visa
 MasterCard

POSTAGE FEES

3 months, 13 issues: \$35.00
 6 months, 26 issues: \$65.00
 One year, 52 issues: \$125.00

Non-refundable postage fees. Domestic rates

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

CREDIT CARD INFO:

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Name _____

MAIL TO: Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103

Ripping friends

by Jim Provenzano

Back from Boston and the U.S. Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend, San Francisco Track and Field members Reggie Snowden, Curtis Moore, Gwynn Villegas, and Bob Callori brought back a few medals, and unfortunately, a few ripped muscles as well.

On the first day, Snowden won his second Pentathlon but in the process strained his hamstring. "I

had to pull out of the next day's competition in the open long jump, and my favorite event, the 60-meter hurdles," said Snowden. Recovering by Sunday morning, he won the silver medal in the triple jump.

Moore won the long jump. "Between the two of us, we have managed to keep the gold medal for the past three championships within our club," said Snowden. Moore won that event last year, while Snowden won it two years ago.

Villegas competed in his first

U.S. National Indoor Championships in the 60-meter dash, 60-meter hurdles, and the 200-meter and did impressive for his first meet. Callori competed in his first championships too in the 60-meter and the 200-meter dashes.

A new talent for SF Track and Field, Bob Young, competed in his first championships, in the 3000-meter and the 1500-meter.

Next year's indoor championships will be held in Idaho.

Singing their praises

Also in Boston last weekend, the Gay and Lesbian Athletics Foundation (www.glaaf.org) hosted its second annual sports conference, with about 150 people attending. Among the panelists were representatives from both Chicago's Gay Games VII and Montreal's Rendez-Vous 2006. Surprisingly, no altercations occurred, although some heated accusations were tossed back and forth.

Montreal also had an organizational meeting of its newly created Gay & Lesbian International Sports Association, which pretty



Courtesy Chicago Games Inc.

Contracts and concerts in Chicago: From left, Dennis Sneyers, Roberto Mantaci, Melissa Etheridge, Kathleen Webster, and Tracy Bain.

much mimics the goals of the Federation of Gay Games while pretending not to be set on upstaging it. Recent PR material for Montreal's event ironically uses images of athletes with Gay Games V medals and Gay Games VI ID badges conveniently cropped out.

Two weeks ago, Chicagoans enjoyed a benefit concert given by Melissa Etheridge as part of the celebrations of the comparatively quick and painless contract signings between the federation and Chicago Games Inc.

The two-headed PR battle continues at www.chicagogamesinc.com and www.montreal2006.org.

Wrestling medalist dies

Winston Mathis died on February 26 after a long battle with diabetes and heart disease.

Mathis wrestled for Golden Gate Wrestling Club from 1987 through 1996, competed in two Gay Games and medaled as a super heavyweight (gold and silver).

Mathis served on Team SF for many years, and was the Team San Francisco delegate in the Federation of Gay Games for many years. He is preceded in death by both his parents, and three siblings. A memorial to celebrate Mathis's life was held Thursday, March 25 at a church in Richmond.

Sadly, Mathis ran into some very bad financial straits in the early 1990s, when he allegedly embezzled several thousand dollars from Team SF.

Gene Dermody, his landlord at the time, paid off the debt, and said he never had a grudge or pursued the debt. "Team SF eventually got their funds from the bank, which really was at fault," he said. "But because they pursued the debt, Winston served six months in jail."

"It was very sad in that he was a very sensitive and sincere person," said Dermody. "He felt so guilty about it all that he never kept in contact with any of us. He was most proud of his Gay Games medals, and for being the one of the chosen FGG flag handlers at GGIV NY Closing Ceremonies."

Donations in Mathis's memory can be sent to Always and Forever - Memorial and Honor Program, Attn: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Hearst man shun

49ers fans can say goodbye to running back Garrison Hearst, who was signed with the Denver Broncos last week. The 11-year NFL veteran became a free agent when San Francisco released him in February.

Hearst started 12 games for the 49ers last season, rushing for 768 yards and three touchdowns and adding 211 yards and a score on

25 catches. He missed the rest of the season due to a knee injury.

Hearst is the only player in NFL history to win the league's Comeback Player of the Year award twice, being honored in 1995 and 2001. But gay football fans, and even non-fans, may know Hearst for his antigay comments in 2002, about not wanting a "faggot" in his locker room.

"Aww, hell no! I don't want any faggots on my team," Hearst told *Fresno Bee* columnist Milo F. Bryant on October 27, 2002, following the 49ers' victory over the Arizona Cardinals. "I know this might not be what people want to hear, but that's a punk. I don't want any faggots in this locker room."

Hearst missed the 1999 and 2000 seasons with a severe left ankle injury, but came back in 2001 to start 16 games and rush for 1,206 yards. The man who helped him recover, former 49ers head trainer Lindsay McLean, recently came out after retiring.

The 49ers were commended for their swift response to the Hearst incident, and they recently donated \$5,000 to the LGBT Community Center's youth programs, possibly in response to a statement from the center's Executive Director Thom Lynch regarding homophobia in the NFL.

Of Hearst's comments, in his *Bay Area Reporter* interview, McLean said, "Garrison just wasn't thinking. It was sort of a reflex."

In its feature article about McLean, Hearst told *ESPN* magazine, "Lindsey's cool, man, very cool. His personal habit is his personal habit. It don't matter to me."

I guess old habits die hard. Thanks for the words of wisdom, Garrison. Buh-bye, now.

Faux courant

In its latest issue, the *Advocate* decided to finally do an article about Matthew Cusick and his discrimination complaint filed by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. How nice for him. How nice for everyone.

Of course, how convenient that the cover story was published months after the publication ran a lavish, if not whorish, promotional feature article about Cirque's Las Vegas show as the controversy really kicked in.

The *Advocate* article, published four months after my, and many other media interviews with Cusick, capitalizes on Cusick's armpits in its cover photo more than it furthers aid the fight against HIV discrimination.

The "Gays in Sports" issue also recaps the Gay Games VII/Montreal 2006 split, which was covered quite thoroughly here. They do get credit for an article about the lone out gay athlete set to compete in Athens at this summer's Olympics. ▼

THE PARKER
GUEST HOUSE

THE CASTRO'S
PREMIER HOTEL & GUEST HOUSE

www.parkerguesthouse.com

TOLL FREE 1-888-520-7275

am schönsten skin care

facials - peels - waxing
male "brazilians" available

call charlie at 415-550-1583
at episode 1360 church st
www.amschonsten.com

photo: stevenunderhill.com

"A SWEEPINGLY ROMANTIC STORY."
- Kevin Thomas, LOS ANGELES TIMES

"AN OPPOSITES-ATTRACT STORY WITH EMOTIONAL HEAT...AND SOME WONDERFUL ACTING!"
- PROTEST HARDY, LA. WEEKLY

AARON PRAYS. CHRISTIAN PLAYS... OPPOSITES ATTRACT.

"WILL RESONATE WITH ANYONE WHO HAS EVER FALLEN IN LOVE."
- GLV MAGAZINE

"LATTER DAYS' IS SWEET, SEXY AND AFFECTING."
- THE ADVOCATE

From the screenwriter of *Sweet Home Alabama*

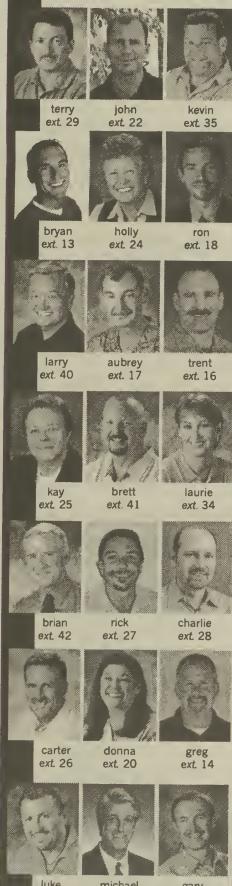
LATTER DAYS

EMBARCADERO CENTER CINEMA
One Embarcadero Center • 777-Film #154

EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENTS START FRIDAY, APRIL 21!
For showtimes and ticket sales visit www.landmarktheatres.com

CALIFORNIA
2113 Kittredge St • 777-Film #015

you've got
friends
in palm
springs



The house
SOLD in
desert real estate

zephyr-ps.com
760-323-3730

Z
ZEPHYR
REAL ESTATE
PALM SPRINGS

1199 East Ramon Road
Palm Springs CA 92264
Independently owned and operated

Mass. passes marriage amendment

by Bob Roehr

Massachusetts completed the first of three steps toward amending the state Constitution to ban gay marriage. The March 29 vote also mandates creation of civil unions for same-sex couples. Neither action changes the fact that marriage licenses are scheduled to be issued to gay residents of the state on May 17.

The Legislature, meeting again as a constitutional convention, wasted little time in adopting a compromise amendment that defines marriage as only between a

man and a woman and creates civil unions for same-sex couples. It turned back attempts by conservatives to divide the two issues on the ballot.

The final vote was 105-92, barely more than the 101 votes needed for passage. The amendment must be passed by the next session of the Legislature, meeting in 2005-06, before it is sent to the voters in November 2006 for their stamp of approval.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ordered that marriage licenses should be issued to gay couples beginning on May 17. That ruling stands unaffected by Monday's vote.

Governor Mitt Romney (R) called for an injunction to prohibit those licenses from being issued, pending the outcome of the amendment vote in 2006. Attorney General Thomas Reilly (D) resisted the effort and most legal scholars view it as extremely unlikely that the court will defer what it has already ordered.

A little known or enforced provision of Massachusetts's marriage law prevents out-of-state couples from marrying if the law of their home state prohibits such unions. It was passed in 1913 in deference to now-archaic laws in some states that prohibited interracial marriage.

Reilly said town clerks would be given a list of states that had defined marriage as only between a man and a woman. Marriage licenses should not be issued to same-sex couples who reside in those states.

That is likely to slow the tide of gay couples planning nuptials in the Bay State only slightly. Most nearby states have no such restriction. It also will be the impetus for additional legal action within Massachusetts and by couples who marry and return home to challenge state proscriptions on gay marriage.

"Fear and prejudice won out over courage and over decency,"

said Arline Isaacson with the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

Gay advocates are hoping that time and the experience of thousands of gay couples marrying will help to defeat the amendment the second time it comes before the constitutional convention.

The compromise uniting the marriage ban and creation of civil unions may in fact be a poison pill that helps to ultimately defeat the amendment. "Forcing the people to pass civil unions at the same time is nothing short of blackmail," said the Family Research Council's Tony Perkins. ▼

Gay marriage

◀ page 1

gone further and wants all five cases involving same-sex marriage – four filed in San Francisco and one in Los Angeles – to be combined into one case. The courts have already stayed three of the cases, while the other two cases are in response to the Supreme Court's ruling that it wanted the constitutionality questions of the state's discriminatory marriage statutes to be heard by the lower courts. Until a decision is made on combining the cases, Lockyer asked the council to immediately stay all proceedings.

"There is no valid reason why these matters should be resolved in an expedited basis. A short stay will not prejudice anyone's interests because either the cases have been stayed by the superior court for other reasons or the cases have just recently been filed such that no responsive pleadings have been filed," wrote Lockyer in his petition to the judicial council.

Yet Ray Hernandez and his partner of 11 years, Charles Burke, said they could not wait for the courts to act and went ahead with their "wedding" under the City Hall Rotunda Tuesday afternoon. Originally booked for a 3 p.m. appointment that day, and already having sent out invitations to family and friends, the couple decided they wanted to exchange vows, calling their ceremony a "statement of legal marriage." The marriage was not legally recognized and no license was issued.

"We felt strongly about our right to do this even though the state says we can't," said Burke before the ceremony.

Shunned by local officials who told the couple they were on their own due to the Supreme Court's March 11 ruling that ended the gay nuptials, the couple brought their own minister, Juliania Lawson, a minister with the Universal Church of Life. Dressed in tuxedos with red rose boutonnieres, the men grasped hands as they recited their vows and then exchanged rings.

Whereas city officials declared the couples they wed "spouses for life," Lawson said, "By the power invested in me by the California Constitution Article I Declaration of Rights I now pronounce you husbands. Let all people everywhere recognize your union."

"Hopefully, we will soon be legal," a smiling Hernandez said to the crowd of 25 friends and family who witnessed the ceremony.

If Lockyer prevails, 4,000 couples will join Hernandez and Burke as spouses in name only. In his brief filed with the Supreme Court Thursday, March 25, he asked the justices not only to rule against the city, which has argued that Mayor

Gavin Newsom had a right to disobey the state's marriage statutes, but to also clarify that the same-sex marriage certificates and licenses issued by the city "have no legal force or effect" and order the city to "return the fees paid for said certificates and licenses."

In asking for the five lower court cases to be combined, Lockyer argued it makes sense financially and will eliminate duplication of efforts.

"It will promote judicial economy and be far more convenient and less expensive for everyone involved, to try this matter in one forum," wrote Lockyer in his petition. "Coordination will foster the efficient utilization of judicial facilities, resources and calendars of the courts. Coordinating cases will also avoid duplicative and inconsistent rulings, orders, or judgments."

The city attorney and lawyers

for the same-sex couples and gay rights groups disagree, calling the attorney general's latest move a delay tactic. City attorney spokeswoman Alexis Truchan said there is no reason for the courts to grant the stay sought by Lockyer.

"The two active cases should proceed together. The other three pose no threat of inconsistent rulings or wasted resources because they already have been stayed," said Truchan. "We see the attorney general's request for what it is: a delay tactic. Clearly neither answering the pertinent question of constitutionality nor restoring rights to California citizens are foremost on the agenda of our opponent."

If the judicial council does grant Lockyer's request, Truchan said "It's going to drag all the progress in the cases to a halt."

Lawyers with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the

American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California scrambled Tuesday to file a brief with the judicial council opposing Lockyer's request. Upset that Lockyer gave them no warning prior to filing his request, the lawyers are adamantly opposed to combining all five cases.

"He is attempting to slow down this case without having any legitimate legal basis for doing so," said Shannon Minter with NCLR. "It's a pretty blatant and shocking – I am genuinely shocked – attempt to delay the ability of these couples to have their day in court."

"This is on top of his outrageous request to the California Supreme Court to invalidate the marriages that were already granted," added Minter.

"The reality is couples are being denied the right to marry right now. Couples who have been

together many years have a right to ask their government to provide equal protections for their families," added the ACLU's Tamara Lange. "So the delay will hurt real people. Justice delayed is justice denied."

Lockyer spokeswoman Hallye Jordan, however, argued the request is not a delay tactic.

"We are committed to vigorously defending California law in these different cases," said Jordan. "We believe the streamline approach is much better than trying to litigate in different courts and different cities."

The cases are *City and County of San Francisco v. State of California, Lancy Woo v. Bill Lockyer, Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund v. City and County of San Francisco, Thomasson v. Newsom, and Robin Tyler v. The County of Los Angeles.* ▼

DOMA

◀ page 1

activists to impose gay marriage upon the country through the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution.

John Hanes, a Republican and chair of the Wyoming Senate Judiciary Committee, explained how marriage is composed of many parts – not just the needs of procreation – and has evolved and changed over time. Focusing on child rearing "is demeaning to the other elements of marriage."

He said he had faith in state and local officials to take their responsibilities seriously without the need for federal intervention. And he pointed to the most recent edition of the magazine of the National Conference of State Legislatures that discussed how individual states "really are stepping up to the plate" in ways that are responsive to local conditions.

Conservative legal scholar Bruce Fein believes that DOMA is constitutional. "Any attack on its legitimacy will clearly fail," he said. It is not flawed because it restates the full faith and credit clause, he added.

Chabot asked the panel of the likelihood that DOMA would be struck down as unconstitutional.

Barr said they took that into account in writing "a very carefully crafted and limited piece of legislation" that could stand up to legal challenge.

McCarthy agreed, though he held out the possibility that some judge might rule otherwise. Fein rated the likelihood of it being struck down as "extremely slim."

That didn't satisfy social conservatives like Representative Steve King (R-Iowa) who took recent Supreme Court rulings to spin out a horror story that went

from gay marriage to polygamy. "You could certainly extrapolate that final dystopia that you described," said Fein, "But I don't see how it logically extends beyond same-sex marriage."

Representative Adam Schiff (D-California) said if the fear is that DOMA might be struck down, why not simply propose making that language the text of a constitutional amendment? The fact that proponents are not doing so "begs the question of what are they trying to do?" He thought it was trying to take authority away from states to define marriage.

Barr agreed. He called the Federal Marriage Amendment "clearly a proactive resolution to define marriage for all of the states of the union. It goes far beyond DOMA."

Fein questioned whether the very subject matter of marriage "falls within the unwritten rules of when we amend the Constitution."

In an interview, Chabot said he has no definitive timetable for an anticipated additional four hearings but he expects they will each be two to three weeks apart. Those hearings will determine when, or even if, the committee and the House will vote on a marriage

amendment

"There doesn't appear to be any sense of urgency," Nadler said. "I'm not even sure they will call it up for a vote. Right now there is no reason." That would change if a court ruled DOMA unconstitutional.

But Hilary Rosen cautioned against complacency. The former head of the record industry and a consultant to the Human Rights Campaign, where she once served as co-chair of the board of directors, fears that anything can happen when social conservatives bring their full pressure to bear on members of Congress. ▼

Shop closes

◀ page 5

fined him for stains on the sidewalk in front of the store. Armed with photos showing no stains, he argued against the \$150 fine. At the hearing, the administrator reduced the fine to \$75.

"I am not happy to pay for something I didn't do," said Douglas.

After being told someone called in to complain about the alleged stain, Douglas said he couldn't help but think it was retaliation for not joining the local merchant group.

"It is probably paranoid of me, but that is what this street has done to me, I think people are out to get me," Douglas said.

When asked about Douglas's comment, Herb Cohn, president of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro, said, "MUMC is not in the business of turning people in to the city, rather in promoting business for our businesses."

While Cohn, a certified public accountant, acknowledged there have been problems in the past, he said the business district is improving, especially under Supervisor Bevan Duffy's Castro Renais-

sance plan. He pointed to the planting this week of about 10 ginkgo biloba trees along Castro Street, the clean-up of Harvey Milk Plaza, and new businesses moving into the area, such as De La Sole shoe store and La Noveela Patisserie, which plans to open in May.

As for Douglas, he hopes things in Canada, where he will relocate with his partner, Snake Woolington, will turn out differently.

Loyal customers said they are sad to see the store close. Anne

Dormann, a patron for 10 years, stopped in last Friday to get one last bite of chocolate.

"It's good. It's so good. And I can come in for a little piece which is all I need, so yeah, I'll miss them," she said.

Despite all the headaches and struggle, Douglas will miss Dormann and his other regulars as well. As a sign to customers posted on his door reads, "We are sad and we'll miss you all. With the Faerie Queen." ▼

Gonzalez

◀ page 3

sive record of supporting public power, IRV elections, higher minimum wages, and LGBT rights. He knew Gonzalez as a public defender, and believes he is a man of "integrity" who as a lawyer and a politician "brings an intelligent coherent voice for his positions, and elevates the level of debate."

Hammer is perhaps best known as the prosecutor who successfully won convictions against the caretakers of the vicious dogs who attacked and killed lesbian

Diane Whipple. But his own history includes 15 years of prosecution work as well as six years of Je-suit work serving the poor.

"I've spent 15 years ... on the tail end of what society produces in terms of suffering, and serving as supervisor would be a way to have an effect and change the city at the front end, before all the violence happens," said Hammer. "In a way it would be a return to my roots."

Although he acknowledged that he plans to talk to Barnes before he makes his decision, Hammer said, "I've always gone after what I've believed in." ▼

BAY AREA REPORTER CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE



DOUGLAS DELIVERS
SERVING ALL OF SONOMA COUNTY

Prudential California Realty

Take advantage of Doug Bohling's
 • 16 years of Wine Country experience
 • expertise which has earned him a spot in the top 6% of all producers in the national Prudential network
 • specialties: homes, land & resorts

Call now for a hassle-free consultation
(707) 829-2011
 doug.bohling@prurealty.com
 www.SonomaCountyRealtor.net

Looking to buy or sell in Central Contra Costa? Call me, I can help you 925.209.3389

Homes of every size and type in Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon and surrounding areas.
www.PruRealty.com/TomSteyer
 Tom.Steyer@PruRealty.com

Your East Bay Prudential Realtor

Tom Steyer

Prudential California Realty

Palm Springs Real Estate

Robert Ramblas



- Residential and Commercial Properties
- 1031 Exchanges
- Small Hotels and Inns
- Covering Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert and Cathedral City

RE/MAX

760.799.2166

www.desert-homes.net

**ALAN EMERY
REALTOR**

Move to Palm Springs the Affordable Gay Paradise

Call me at: (760) 323-8913

Email: AlanEmeryRealtor@aol.com
www.AlanEmery.com

RE/MAX

PALM SPRINGS. THE FRIENDLY GAY PARADISE

Call me for all of your real estate needs. I'm Alan Emery, Realtor, at RE/MAX Real Estate Consultants. I live in Palm Springs and provide comprehensive, professional and responsive real estate services to gay men and lesbians in the Palm Springs area. Tel 760-323-8913. Email: AlanEmeryRealtor@aol.com. Web Page: [AlanEmery.com](http://www.AlanEmery.com)

ROOMMATES

East Bay Pleasant Hill Tahoe Setting Bedroom full private bath 700.00 Mike 925 947-5550.

Fremont shr home no smk Jacuzzi Pool. \$500mo+util (510)792-4404

Room for rent in Newark/Fremont. Hot tub, cable, utils. included. \$550 mo. Call John: (510) 938-4020.

Russian River roommate wanted. Furnished/unfurnished, private bath, washer, dryer, cable, internet, parking for one car. Shre home with two guys (gay household) with GM preferred. Utilities included, available now. Call Si at 707-565-2348 or email silwaton@comcast.net (\$550/mth).

Shr. 2BR home w/tranny. \$500. Huge yard. Near CityColl/Muni 995-4782

Shr. 2BR home w/tranny. \$500. Huge yard. Near CityColl/Muni 995-4782

RENTALS

STUDIO

in Oakland Victorian, new paint new tile, wood floors, new appliances, Bay window with views and lots of light. No smoking \$700.00/mo 510-536-6170

DESERT LUXURY RENTAL
 3/2, 2100 SF, pool/spa, mountain views, services included, gated Rancho Mirage community, annual lease, \$2750.00/Month 760-641-1940

PALM SPRINGS

Fabulous Las Palmas location walk to downtown. Pool/Spa Quiet & Relaxing \$2300 a month. 209-329-8384.

GRAND VICTORIAN FLAT

2-story home is bright & quiet in a garden setting with a deck. 7 rooms incl. 3 br/2ba gour. kit + dr. laundry, garage, hwd, 2sp. 1045 Scott St. Call 707-765-0280 Open weekends. 415-596-7284, \$2950

**ELEGANT 2BD
LG RMS, LR, FDR, FPLC
306-26 AV 415-861-5802**

LEGAL NOTICES

STATEMENT FILE A-0273779-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: C & M Handymen Repair Service 318 Lakeview St. San Francisco, Ca. 94112. This business is conducted by a husband and wife signed Craig Biggers Jr. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 02/20/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 02/20/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274150-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Lombard Towing 3101 3rd St. San Francisco, Ca. 94124. This business is conducted by a husband and wife signed Gerardo Hernandez. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03/02/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/02/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274257-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: #1 Lost Art #2 Atelier Lost Art 3440 18th Street San Francisco, Ca. 94110. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Mario Kashou. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 02/27/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/05/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274257-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Lombard Towing 3101 3rd St. San Francisco, Ca. 94124. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Mario Kashou. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 02/27/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/05/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing and availability of preliminary recommendations for San Francisco's 2004 community development block grant (cdbg) emergency shelter grant (esg) and home investment partnership (home) programs. Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Time: 5:30 PM.

Place: City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 263

Board of Supervisors Committee Room

The Citizen's Committee on Community Development, Mayor's Office of Community Development and Mayor's Office of Housing invite interested parties to attend a public hearing on the preliminary funding recommendations for the federally funded CDBG, ESC and HOME Programs. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the preliminary recommendations. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please call (415) 252-3100.

Beginning Wednesday, March 31st, the 2004 Preliminary Recommendations will be available electronically on the Mayor's Office of Community Developments (MOCD) website at www.sfgov.org/mocd. Copies of the recommendations will also be available at MOCD, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 700. The Preliminary Recommendations will not be mailed.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The following documents are available online at: www.sfgov.org/bdsupvrs/
 Agenda Boards/Commissions Application and Vacancy Notices; District Information; Final Board Minutes; Legislation Introduced; Legislative Analyst Reports; Meeting Schedules; Motions; Ordinances; Resolutions; Rules of Order; Votes and more.

The Charter and Municipal Codes are available on the City's web site www.sfgov.org

VACANCY NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 54974, California Government Code, notice is hereby given of the following uncheduled vacancies. Interested persons may obtain an application form from the Clerk of the Rules Committee, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated. Additional information and an application may be obtained by accessing the City's web site: www.sfgov.org/bdsupvrs

Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, some vacancies may have already been filled. To determine if vacancies for this Board/Committee/Commission or Task Force are still available please call the Rules Committee Clerk at 554-5184.

POWER PLANT TASK FORCE

The Power Plant Task Force consists of a total of 10 voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Task Force is comprised of the following: 1 resident of the Mission Bay area, 1 resident of Bayview Hunters Point area, 1 resident of the Potrero Hill area, 1 resident of the Central Waterfront area, 1 member of the Southern Waterfront Advisory Committee/Pier 70 Community Advisory Group, 1 resident of the South of Market area, the executive director of the San Francisco Community Power Coop or his/her designee, the head of the San Francisco Labor Council or his/her designee, the executive director of Communities for a Better Environment or his/her designee and the executive director of Literacy for Environmental Justice or his/her designee.

The Task Force shall provide input to the City and County of San Francisco which previously was conducted by the Potrero Power Plant Advisory Task Force which advised the Board on power policy issues related to the construction of new power generating facilities in the Southeast portion of San Francisco, power demand management, the Energy Resource Plan and an energy policy for the city.

Sunset Date: November 1, 2005

STATEMENT FILE A-0274146-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Let's Get West Entertainment 1049 Market St. #106 San Francisco, Ca. 94103. This business is conducted by an individual signed Charles Bocchetti. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03/02/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/02/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274166-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Joe's Barber Shop 4102 19th St. San Francisco, Ca. 94114. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Joseph Gallagher. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on n/a. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/03/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274022-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Drums and Wires 526 Broderick St. San Francisco, Ca. 94117. This business is conducted by an individual signed Kevin H. Achs. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 02/26/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 02/26/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274175-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: SFIVOR 1221 Jones Street, Apt. 4B San Francisco, Ca. 94109. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Ellen Charney. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on n/a. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/04/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274228-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Blue Water Real Estate Group 447 Ivy Street San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed James N Rothman. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03/04/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/03/04.

MAR 11, 18, 25 APR 1 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274108-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Cardlock #437 2690 3rd Street San Francisco, Ca. 94107. This business is conducted by a limited liability company signed Thomas A. Dwelle. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 01/01/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/01/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274109-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Flyer #232 2000 19th Avenue San Francisco, Ca. 94116. This business is conducted by a limited liability company signed Thomas A. Dwelle. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 01/01/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/01/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274107-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Flyer #235 3300 Caesar Chavez St. San Francisco, Ca. 94110. This business is conducted by a limited liability company signed Thomas A. Dwelle. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 01/01/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/01/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

CLASSIFIEDS

VACATION RENTALS

CABANA AT WAIKIKI

Honeymoon Packages Available -
Call or email CabanaDavid@aol.com

- 15 Newly Remodeled One Bedroom Suites
- Ideal Location near Queen's Surf
- Gay beach, Hula's and 24 Hours Fitness
- Includes Continental Breakfast & Tropical Veranda with an 8-Man Spa
- Waikiki's Only Gay Owned and Operated Guest House
- Free Access to Max's Gym



THE CABANA AT WAIKIKI

2551 Cartwright Road
Honolulu, HI 96815
www.cabana-waikiki.com

For Reservations Call Toll-free:
1-877-902-2121
In HI (808) 926-5555 or fax (808) 926-5566

IGTA

© 2002 Steven Feinberg. All rights reserved.

Best "Gay-Friendly" Value in Town

Village Inn

Palm
Springs
WHITE PARTY

HEATED POOL • JACUZZI • MOUNTAIN VIEWS • BBQ
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST • CABLE TV/VCR'S
FRIDGES • MICROWAVES • HAIR DRYERS

LOCATED DOWNTOWN/MOVIE COLONY
855 N. Indian Canyon Drive • Palm Springs
(866) 320-8622 • (760) 320-8622
www.palmspringsvillageinn.com

LEGAL NOTICES

STATEMENT FILE A-0274189-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: iLoanOfficer Mortgage 505 Montgomery St. 7th Floor San Francisco, Ca. 94111. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Gregory C. Pennington. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03/01/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/03/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274391-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: A Wicked Scent 30 Collingwood St. San Francisco, Ca. 94114. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Dara Cullen. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03/11/04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/11/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274381-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Otaku Patrol Group, OPG Communications 1123 Mason Ct. Suite H, Treasure Island, San Francisco Ca. 94130. This business is conducted by an individual signed A. Thorsson. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on n/a. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03/10/04.

MAR 18, 25 APR 1, 8 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274457-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Z's Fashion Jewelry 888 Brannan St., Ste. 2075 San Francisco, Ca. 94103. This business is conducted by a husband and wife signed Jing Shao. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-15-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-15-04.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0273894-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Pussy Kat Productions 4096 17th St., #204 San Francisco, Ca. 94114. This business is conducted by an individual signed Kathleen Amendola. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 02-24-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 02-24-04.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME. FILE NO: A-0269342-00
The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name known as: King's Cafe. Located at: 1338 Polk St. San Francisco, Ca. 94109. This business was conducted by an individual signed Tony Chi-Man Yu. The fictitious name referred to above was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on: 08/21/03.

APR 1, 8, 15, 22 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274720-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sunrise Laundry 211 Ashton Avenue San Francisco, Ca. 94112. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Han To. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-01-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-23-04.

APR 1, 8, 15, 22 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274696-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Level 3, 580 California Street, 16th Floor, San Francisco, Ca. 94104. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Wolf Sterling. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-23-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-23-04.

APR 1, 8, 15, 22 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274780-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hearing Health Care of San Francisco, Inc. 303 Caselli Ave. San Francisco, Ca. 94114. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Robert Baker. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-01-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-25-04.

APR 1, 8, 15, 22 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274867-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Context 250 Fell St. #54 San Francisco, Ca. 94102. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Jimmy Kansau. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-29-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-29-04.

APR 1, 8, 15, 22 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274644-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: HD Technology 211 Ashton Avenue San Francisco, Ca. 94112. This business is conducted by an individual signed Yue Bing Chen. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-22-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-22-04.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274637-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Big Art's Hauling 1319 S. Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, Ca. 94110. This business is conducted by a general partnership signed Arturo Pleitez. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 03-22-04. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-22-04.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CCR 04-541243
In the Matter of the Application of Sandra Elizabeth Merk for Change of Name. The application of Sandra Elizabeth Merk for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Sandra Elizabeth Merk has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Elizabeth Sandra Cocco. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 20th day of May at 9:00am of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274676-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mindy Lee Fine Home Detailing 429 Douglass St. San Francisco, Ca. 94114. This business is conducted by an individual signed Mindy Jo Lee. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on n/a. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 03-22-04.

MAR 25 APR 1, 8, 15 2004

STATEMENT FILE A-0274767-00
The following person(s) are doing business as: MC NAMARA INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. ROBERT H. CONNER, JR. LUTCF Auto, Home, Boat, RV, Motorcycle Umbrella, Life, Health, Disability Business Insurance Competitive Rates-Free Quotes 415-457-7856 bob@4apolicy.com www.4apolicy.com

JOBS OFFERED

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?
Is your current job getting you down?**

We are the largest adult retail chain in California and **WE WANT YOU!**
Join our innovative team and work in a non-corporate, alternative-lifestyle-friendly environment.

Excellent pay and great benefits!

HAPPY!

Benefits include:
Medical, Dental, Vision & Life ■ 401(k) ■ Paid
vacations, sick days & holidays ■ Commissions
Employee Discounts

Managers must have two years experience in
retail management. Clerks must have one year
experience in retail.

**Please fax resume to (415) 468-3519 attention Lisa.
Please call (415) 468-5600 ext. 140 for more information.**



ADULT JOBS OFFERED

FACTORY VIDEO

You - Hot, 18-35, in shape. Like sex & showing off+ Making \$\$. Call now for an interview. Also looking for bears.

Call us at 415-777-9070.

www.factoryvideos.com

E15

LIKE TOOLS...

But, you're not one yourself?
Then read on...

Looking for a p/t handyman assistant.
Car/Tools of your own would be great
but not necessary.
No flakes please! Seriously.
Call 279-2853 for more info.

Caregivers wanted for elderly care
\$10-\$11 an hour. Live in and hourly
available. Car is a plus. Call David at
415-273-1497. CNA's & HHA's

E15



ADOPTION SERVICES

ADOPTED IN CALIFORNIA?

Original birth name locates.
Special on now. No find. No fee.

Quotes given for full searches.

TOLL FREE: 888-753-ASAP.

E15

GROUPS

Gay D & D / RPG Group
Contact Chuck. cccat@yahoo.com

E2

LEGAL SERVICES

SHELLEY S. FEINBERG
- ATTORNEY AT LAW -

Probate
Wills and Living Trusts
Estate Planning
Trust Administration

Flood Building
870 Market St. (415) 421-1893

**Law Offices
ALMA SOONGI BECK**
Wills, Living Trusts
Estate Planning
Domestic Partnership
Planning
Property Co-Ownership
Issues
Live-Together Agreement

Seminar Facilitator for National Center for
Lesbian Rights on Domestic Partnership Issues
see www.beckesq.com for details
101 Howard Street @ Spear
(415) 642-9930
Email alma@beckesq.com for info

BANKRUPTCY
LOW COST
FREE QUOTEMARTY COURSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1095 MKT ST., STE 520
(415) 487-0100
CIV CTR BART/MUNI
www.SFLAWYER.netLAW OFFICES
OF
JOEL K. RUBINSTEIN

Graduate of Harvard and Yale
13 years experience

• Mediation Services

• Real Estate Transactions

• New Business Formation

• Contract Review and Preparation

• Employment Counseling

• Bankruptcy

656-1968

jkrubinstein@yahoo.com

400 Montgomery, 2nd Fl.
San Francisco, CA 94104

Telephone: (415) 956-7654

Wrongful Termination

Sexual Harassment

Trust Litigation

Wills and Trusts

Wrongful Eviction

email: Bestlaw1@aol.com

INSURANCE

INSURANCE
MC NAMARA INSURANCE
SERVICES, INC.

ROBERT H. CONNER, JR. LUTCF
Auto, Home, Boat, RV, Motorcycle
Umbrella, Life, Health, Disability
Business Insurance
Competitive Rates-Free Quotes
415-457-7856 bob@4apolicy.com
www.4apolicy.com

E17

SERVICES

Creations Landscaping
DECKS WATER FEATURES
FENCES made of either
RETAINING WALLS (Stainless Steel
IRRIGATION or Rock) Water
falls, Streams,
Phone: (650) 557-1543 Ponds, etc.
Cell: (415) 310-4857 Indoor & Out

GOT PETS?
PET SITTING & DOG WALKING
FREE 1/2 HOUR CONSULTATION
CALL JERINNE
415 861-5381 (SP)

Great Scott Cleaning
Professional cleaning
at an affordable price
Weekly or Bi-weekly
550-SCOT(7268)
I bring my own supplies and equipment

Landscape Design & Construction
GAY OWNED AND OPERATED.
TWELVE YEARS EXPERIENCE
CREATING BEAUTIFUL RESIDENTIAL
AND COMMERCIAL GARDENS. SPECIALIZING
IN LOW-MAINTENANCE
PLANTINGS AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION
SYSTEMS, DECKS, HOT TUBS &
FENCES. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES.
PLEASE CALL JIM LINK, MLA, LIC
#7038
(415) 282-0288



WIZARD'S CLEANING TEAM
Experienced Professionals with all aspects of
residential & business needs, incl. hauling.
references upon request.
CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE
wizardcleanteam@aol.com
415.487.0114 (Office)
415.225.0779 (cell)

**Serving the Community
With Quality and Reliability**
**Lone Star
Plumbing**
BATHS • KITCHENS • POOL WORK • SPRINKLERS
COPPER WORK • REMODELING SPECIALISTS
SERVICE AND REPAIR
641-9234
STATE LIC #430557

**ADMIRAL GREEN
LANDSCAPING**
San Francisco's Residential
Landscape Specialists
call (415) 750-9002
www.admiralgreen.com

Gourmet Vegetarian Cuisine Delivered to your doorstep For monthly menu, CALL: JANE • 826-2133
www.pealcuisine.com

**GAY FRIENDLY MERCEDEZ
LIMO**
From SFO airport to San Francisco and the Bay Area. Call Brian (415) 995-3064

**FLOWER
ARRANGER**
Many yrs freelance bars parties
restaurants. Back room work florist
shop? Call Dave Fairall
415-776-1939 BEFORE 5PM
Cleaning Professional 17 yrs exp.
Home or Office. Roger Miller
(415) 664-0513

Odd jobs, Painting, Housecleaning,
Gardening, etc. 7 days 724-3252
Quality Painting done in my painter
shorts. \$10 hour. 835-4735

BASIC CLEAN \$35 WKLY.
Once \$55, mop, dust, bath, kitchen,
stove, fridge, garbage, sheet change,
fireplace, kitty litter. Flat rate.
Most for the money. Call John 420-2926. In Bay Area Reporter 10
years
Nude Housecleaning 415-724-3252

Gardner Tree care and Soul
Ca. Natives /Drought Tolerant,
Bird/Butterfly habitat, Organic.
Mark 420-2823 Great References.

PAUL K HOUSECLEANING
Excellent refs. Bonded. Sf/East Bay
510-864-4132 Paulkclean@aol.com

LAND
HIGH INTEGRITY GARDENING • 415 269 6609

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING
Yard Cleaning • Hauling • Tree Care
Ph: (415) 552-8274 or (415) 810-6807

SUNNYSIDE
Alison Kim

**REUNION
SPECIALIST**
Bringing lost people together.
Toll Free: 888-753-ASAP.
Christopher's Housecleaning
8 yrs. exp. Free Est. 370-4341

Housecleaner, personal assistant,
organizer, driver, errands, moving,
pet-house sitter. 10 yrs exp.
Mike 495-2312.

HOUSECLEANING
Since 1979. Many original
customers. All supplies and
equipment. Richard 415-255-0389

Mike's Fix-It Serv-Audio/Video/
Phone/Elec wiring, Minor Handy-man
work, reasonable. 337-0920.

E14

E15

E16

E17

E18

E19

E20

E21

E22

E23

E24

E25

E26

E27

E28

E29

E30

E31

E32

E33

E34

E35

E36

E37

E38

E39

E40

E41

E42

E43

E44

E45

E46

E47

E48

E49

E50

E51

E52

E53

E54

E55

E56

E57

E58

E59

E60

E61

E62

E63

E64

E65

E66

E67

E68

E69

E70

E71

E72

E73

E74

E75

E76

E77

E78

E79

E80

E81

E82

E83

E84

E85

E86

E87

E88

E89

E90

E91

E92

E93

E94

E95

E96

E97

E98

E99

E100

E101

E102

E103

E104

E105

E106

E107

E108

E109

E110

E111

E112

E113

E114

E115

E116

E117

E118

E119

E120

E121

E122

E123

E124

E125

E126

E127

E128

E129

E130

E131

E132

E133

E134

E135

E136

E137

E138

E139

E140

E141

E142

E143

E144

E145

E146

E147

E148

E149

E150

E151

E152

E153

E154

E155

E156

E157

E158

E159

E160

E161

E162

E163

E164

E165

E166

E167

E168

E169

E170

E171

E172

E173

E174

E175

E176

E177

E178

E179

E180

E181

E182

E183

E184

E185

E186

E187

E188

E189

E190

E191

E192

E193

E194

E195

E196

E197

E198

E199

E200

E201

E202

E203

E204

E205

E206

E207

E208

E209

E210

E211

E212

E213

E214

E215

E216

E217

E218

E219

E220

E221

E222

E223

E224

E225

E226

E227

E228

E229

E230

E231

E232

E233

E234

E235

E236

E237

E238

E239

E240

E241

E242

E243

E244

E245

<p

HAULING

HARDY'S HAULING

Big trucks small prices. Dump run 7 days a week. Fast and very reliable. Bonded, Insured, Licensed #796808 415-282-2733

RELIABLE RELOCATIONS (415) 621-5164

CAREFUL, EXP. FRIENDLY. 2-3 MEN 16' ENCLOSED, WELL-EQUIPPED TRUCK REAS. RATES • APARTMENTS, HOMES, OFFICES. * B.A.R. ADVERTISER SINCE 1991

CASTRO HAULING

Yard & Garage Cleaning Tree Care & Dump Runs Very Responsible, from \$15 per hr

Call Yoel 282-2023

EXPERT HAULING & RELOCATION

- Blanket wrapped
- Hauling in general
- Local & long distance
- Careful & Dependable

650 557-1543
415 310-4857

FAST HAUL

415 665-0800

FRIENDLY, SAME-DAY SERVICE

DAVID SINGER - OWNER

www.FastHaul.com

LOU'S EXPRESS CO.

HOME OFFICE BUSINESS

BASEMENT, GARAGE, ATTIC, SOFA'S, CARPET REMOVAL, PADDING, NAIL STRIPS, APPLIANCES, LARGE TRUCK, FURNITURE REARRANGEMENT SERVING THE GAY COMMUNITY

Lou (415) 225-4637

EZ RELOCATION



HOME & OFFICE

415-252-5938 • PGR415-597-1889

2 Men Lg clean truck
cheap 24hrs

Free est.

Louis 902-3229

E19

Hauling, etc, 441-1054. Large Truck!

Remove carpet, appl., sofas, cement.

E20

Hauling. Reliable, On Time.

Mike \$20/Hr 415-577-7180

E18

Big Art's Hauling • 415-987-0749

E15



TECH SUPPORT

MACINTOSH HELP

- Prompt
- Thorough
- 12 Years Exp

Rick 415.821.1792

Computer Help

In your home- installation-troubleshooting-DSL-etc. Windows & Mac competitive rates-7 days Joe (415) 431-6766

Need PC help?

Experienced
Friendly
Reasonable

Ed: 415-282-0383

Upside down?
Get your computer back up! Just...

remain.com

Troubleshooting, Installation, Tutoring. We'll fix your computer - PC or Mac - at your home or office throughout the Bay Area.

415-552-7909
www.sf-remain.com

PC HELP/INSTRUCTIONS

All Windows, MS Office, DSL & Fax, Email. Zack 292-7243 7 days.

E14

HTTP://WWW

PRUDENTIAL WEST REALTY

Gay Owned/Operated

RUSSIAN RIVER

http://prudentialwestcounty.com

E18

COUNSELING

SEX LIFE

OUT OF CONTROL?

I'm specifically certified to help you create a healthier, more fulfilling sexual life. Reasonable Rates:

Paul P. Shepard, Ph.D., CSAT

(510) 333-4511

Click on: Gaytherapist.com

E14



positiveforce

by and for all HIV+ gay and bisexual men



"It's frightening. We're seeing a huge increase of newly infected gay men that got HIV from unprotected sex during crystal meth binges. Our community is self-destructing with this drug."

— Robert Grossman, MD
HIV Specialist, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital

Ad campaign created by our panelist, AIDS activist Peter Staley

Join **positiveforce** for an evening of discussion on the topic of community activism in response to the crystal meth epidemic in SF and its relationship to HIV transmission. How have members of our community stepped up to the plate to be a part of the solution? Come hear how some community leaders are tackling the issue.

Join us at 6:30 for beverages and light snacks before the forum. Discussion begins at 7pm.

For more information about this forum or any **positiveforce** event please call 415.865.0790 x305

HIV+PNP

Personal Activism
in Response to
The Crystal Epidemic

Thursday, April 8 @ 6:30pm
SF LGBT Center
1800 Market @ Octavia

STOP
AIDS
PROJECT

Latina butches meet Latino FTMs
Short guerrilla documentary 'Mind If I Call You Sir?' screens at LGBT Center.
page 32

Taylor-made pieces
Paul Taylor Dance Co. at Yerba Buena Ctr. for Arts.
page 28



Precipitation likely
'A Thousand Clouds of Peace' plays the Castro.
page 35



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

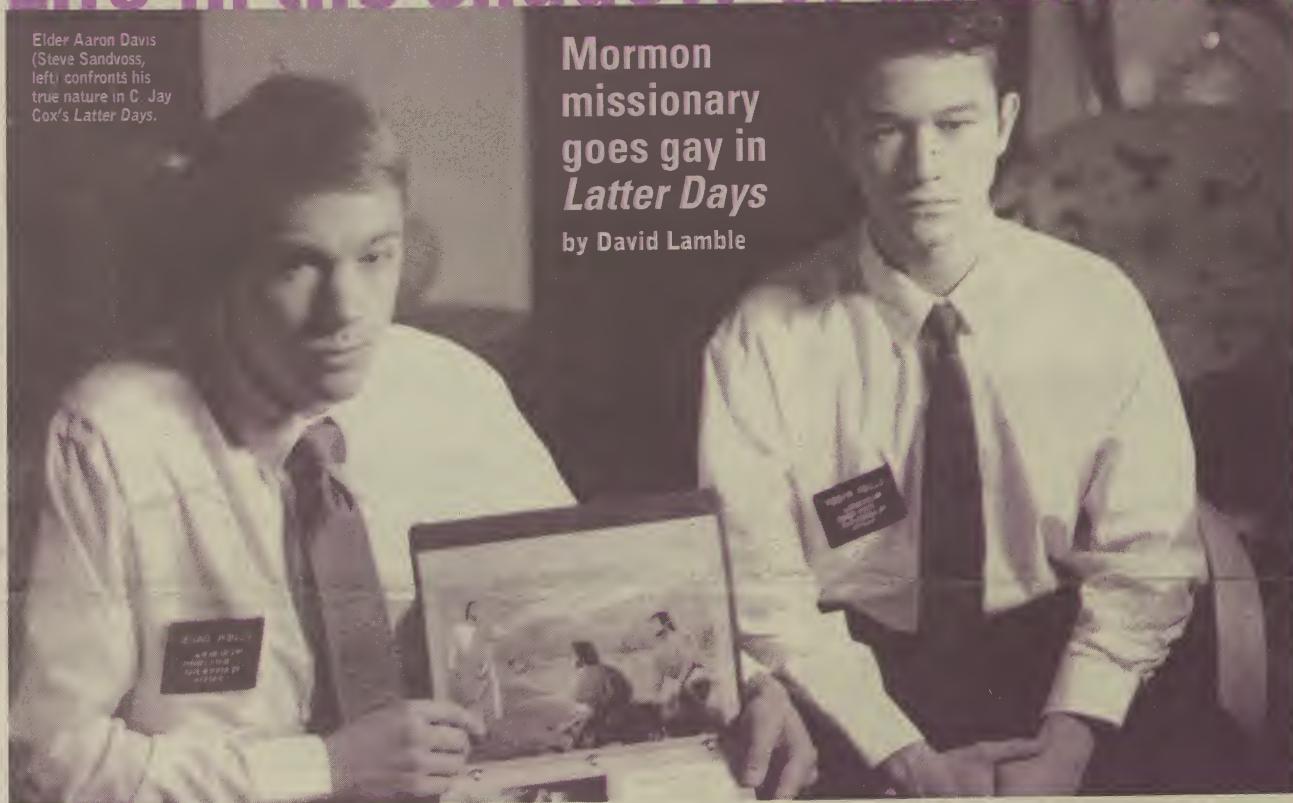
Vol. 34 • No. 14 • 1 April 2004

Life in the shadow of damnation

Elder Aaron Davis (Steve Sandvoss, left) confronts his true nature in C. Jay Cox's *Latter Days*.

Mormon missionary goes gay in *Latter Days*

by David Lamble



Filmmaker C. Jay Cox remembers growing up in the lonely ranch country of Eastern Nevada, far from the Vegas strip. He remembers wanting to be a filmmaker, a dream that one day got him sent to the principal's office for uttering dirty words in class. The words were "film noir." "Yeah, it turned out that my teacher knew it was French and figured that I was talking about 'dirty'

movies." While many filmmakers boast in their memoirs about cutting class to watch the films of the French New Wave, young Cox was trapped in a part of the world seriously lacking in visual stimulation. "In the entire county, we had two television channels and one movie theatre, which was only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It was much closer to *The Last Picture Show*."

Young Cox, like 80% of his neighbors, was raised Mormon. The film bug wasn't the only thing that made him different in a church whose elders thought *Jesus Christ Superstar* was blasphemous.

"I remember hearing in religion class that there was a separate hell for murderers, for rapists, and for homosexuals; and I remember knowing, That's

page 30 ►

Same-sex myth-making

Photography by Adi Nes at the Legion

by Will Shank

Between Promise and Possibility: The Photographs of Adi Nes at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor

While space is at a premium in the Fine Arts Museums' only available exhibition galleries (the new de Young does not open until 2005), one can imagine the curators engaging in behind-the-scenes catfights in order to nail down spaces for their shows. Associate Curator Daniel Cornell has triumphed by installing an extraordinary exhibition of color photographs at the end of the long series of south galleries on the Legion of Honor's main floor, balancing the madness of Art Deco, which has taken over the

north side of the building.

From a distance, the viewer sees a familiar grouping of men, seated at a table, at the end of the chain of rooms. Is it a three-dimensional tableau of figures, or is it an enormous painting? As one approaches the gallery, two diagonally placed walls slowly allow the image to reveal itself, like curtains over a theatrical proscenium, under the title of the exhibition on the back wall. The figures are contemporary soldiers posing as the apostles in Leonardo's *The Last Supper*. The work is a large-scale color photograph by Israeli photographer Adi Nes.

As compelling as the familiar image is, *The Last Supper* (officially "Untitled, 1999") is but one of 20 arresting views of men and boys as posed by the openly gay Nes. Much of the exhibition comprises a series of male models photo-

page 34 ►



NOW PLAYING
at Theatre Rhinoceros
the World Premiere of
FLAMING IGUANAS

Based on the novel by Erika Lopez
Adapted and Directed by
John Fisher & Duca Knezevic
April 1 - 24



Theatre Rhinoceros 415.861.5079
2926 16th St. San Francisco
photo © 2004 by D. Wilson

COMING SOON
at The Center
(1800 Market)

**The P.A. Cooley
Hippety Hoppety
Easter Special
Variety Show**
APRIL 10 ONLY!



www.TheRhino.org
photo by Kent Taylor

UV-Free Tanning
60 Seconds to a Golden Tan
Gentle Mist
Sugar-Based Solution, Safe
and Non-toxic
SF's Only MagicTan™
Salon with:
• A UNION SQUARE LOCATION
• 2 BOOTH
• 3 LEVELS OF TANNING INTENSITIES
• CLEAR OR INSTANT
TAN
TOP SECRET SOLUTION GOES ON LIGHT
AND DARKENS SLOWLY OVER
24 HOURS FOR A PERFECT,
NATURAL-LOOKING TAN
• SPECIAL LUNCHTIME PROCESS!



Special Offer!
Mention this ad and receive
2 for 1
for first-time customers
offer expires 04/05/04

Also: latest apparel for men and women;
plus unique skincare products and cosmetics

THE NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER www.nctcf.org

West Coast Premiere from the
Tony Award-Winning creators of *RAGTIME*!

**A MAN OF NO
IMPORTANCE**

a new musical
book by
TERENCE McNALLY
music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY
lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

directed by George Quick

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT THRU APRIL 11th

by Claudio Simonetti
directed by Davy O'Neil
Previews April 14 - 23
Opens Sat. April 24



Tickets \$18 to \$28 call (415) 861-8972

TICKETWEB
www.TICKETWEB.COM
S.F. A.C.
Artists
UNDER ONE ROOF
STEAMWORKS
THEATRE CENTER
1981

25 Van Ness Avenue • San Francisco • (415) 861-8972

Sweetie darlings, rejoice!

Alcohol-addled 'Ab Fab' matrons return

by Roberto Friedman

ately, Out There has been partying it up with British same-sex pair **Patsy Stone** & **Edina Monsoon**, those decadent fashionista dames portrayed by Joanna Lumley and **Jennifer Saunders**, by watching all the episodes from *Series 5 of Absolutely Fabulous*, now out on DVD from BBC Video. Eddy's daughter **Saffy** (Julia Sawalha) has gone and got herself pregnant. Despite Eddy's initial misgivings ("babies and Bollinger don't mix"), she's elated when she learns the father is African, as a mixed-race child is definitely considered "the *Chanel* of babies."

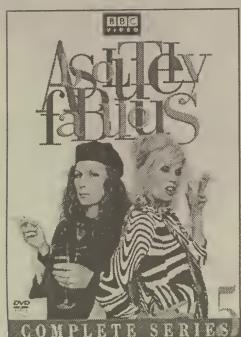
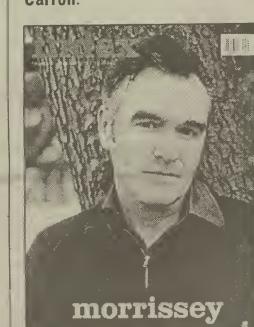
and she gets pulled under). Enter adolescent Eddy has some gray in her hair, but in fact we're all getting a little bit older, aren't we, sweetie darlings?

Casting couch

Casting sessions for *The 9/11 Hearings: The Miniseries* must already be underway in cable-network conference rooms, and they've gotta be a bitch. Ideal Hollywood talent for the principal roles?

Former Terrorism Czar **Richard Clarke** (leading man): **Ed Asner**
Vice President **Dick Cheney** (singing "Not in the loop" to **Rush** "OxyContin-R-Us" Limbaugh): **John Goodman** in a bald-cap
Secretary of State **Colin Powell**: **Bill Cosby**

Former Secretary of State **Madelaine Albright**: **Bea Arthur**
CIA Director **George Tenet** (fall guy): **George Clooney**
National Security Adviser **Condoleezza Rice**: **Diahann Carroll**.



Ever the career gal, Patsy has moved on from fashion magazine editor/cocaine fiend to stylist to the stars, in which capacity she begs free clothes for putative celebrities (*Minnie Driver*) from publicity-craving designers. Celeb cameos are served up from former Spice Girl **Emma Bunton**, fashion force **Jean-Paul Gaultier**, and the apparently inescapable **Sir Elton John**. Comic genius **Jane Horrocks** steals several scenes as both Eddy's elfin personal assistant **Bubble** and TV journalist **Katy Grin** (embedded in Iraq, her fatigues get caught in the tread of an on-coming tank,

Magazine wrack

Well now, who's this on the cover of *Index* magazine but our old friend, pop-star **Morrissey**? That new album he has been promising is reportedly in the process of being mixed; it's a collaboration with LA producer

Jerry Finn, who's put out albums by **Bad Religion**, **Green Day** and **Blink 182**.

The **Moz** acknowledges "there's generally an extreme reaction when my name is mentioned. Thankfully, enough people buy my records. Otherwise, I wouldn't be here, I'd be working at **Kingdom of Leather**."



Then, who's that on the cover of the new issue of *In* magazine but she's-out, she's-back-in-the-closet movie star **Anne Heche**? It's as if her fame and this *In* mag exist in a weird parallel universe to *Out* magazine!

Meantime, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its founding, *Poz* magazine gathered 80 people with HIV to pose nude at Restaurant Florent, a bistro in Manhattan's Meatpacking District, for a photo installation created by artist **Spencer Tunick**. The image will appear as a gatefold cover of *Poz*'s May issue.

Tunick has been documenting the live nude figure in public since 1992, and was the subject of the 2003 HBO documentary *Naked World*. Nude participants included *Poz* founder **Sean Strub**, needle-exchange activist **Chloe Dzubilo**, Treatment Action Group editor **Mike Barr**, and restaurant owner **Florent Morellet**, who gained underground acclaim in the HIV community years ago when he began posting his T-cell count on the restaurant's menu board. Who needs glossy magazines after all!

Mercedes bends

When eternal strongwoman and role model **Mercedes McCambridge**, born 1916, died on March 2, our hometown paper gave her, oh, one or two sentences in-between all the **Chippy** news. By contrast, the UK *Guardian* gave her obituary six columns, from which we reprint these lines with all the proper acknowledgments.

page 28 ►



R.I.P. Mercedes McCambridge

Ronald Grant Archive

THEATRE

Theatre underground (and out the back door)

Duca Knezevic stages 'Flaming Iguanas'

by Richard Dodds

Flaming Iguanas may be the first show at Theatre Rhino with a dress code. In this case, it's dress down. Audiences will be taking a physical journey, as does the central character in a new play adapted from Erika Lopez's novel. The play, opening this week, starts and ends in the main theater, and other scenes will take place throughout the Rhino experience, including the downstairs Studio, the outdoor world of the theater's backstage alley, and its motorcycle-equipped backyard. In other words, dress in layers and wear sensible shoes.

It was an idea promoted by Duca Knezevic, the theater's assistant artistic director, to turn Lopez's novel into a stage piece. The connection with SF novelist Lopez began when the writer applied for a job as Rhino's house manager. "I did not know any of her writing at the time," Knezevic said. "She brought me a monologue she was working on, and she left me one of her novels. I called her back and said, 'The monologue is OK, but I'm really interested in getting your books on stage.'"

Flaming Iguanas, the first part of a trilogy, follows Tomato Rodriguez as he travels by motorcycle from New Jersey to San Francisco in search of good sex — and ultimately, sexual identity. Knezevic and Rhino's Artistic Director John Fisher shared the job of adapting the novel and staging the results.

"It's an unusual book," Knezevic said. "It's all very easy and cartoonish. John and I were thinking what would be the theatrical equivalent of this kind of writing. John kept saying it has to be something we've never done before. We finally came up with the idea to walk the audience with us as we show all the spaces we occupy in this building."

In addition to suggesting Tomato's journey, the audience's travels through the well-worn brick building on 16th Street have another motive. "We've been in this space for 20 years now," Knezevic said. "It was supposed to be a temporary solution. We want to show people how we work and make our illusions. Whenever we have a donor in the theater, I take him or her by the hand and show them what's really behind the scenes. And they say, 'Wow, no one ever told me this.' They say communists become the best capitalists."

Knezevic grew up in Yugoslavia, worked successfully in education, theater, and broadcasting during the illusory good times of the Tito regime, and became a theater radical as the country violently split apart.

"I used to be a celebrity back in the previous life," Knezevic said. "But I was kind of like the character in Flaming Iguanas. I wasn't a lesbian. I look as I look right now. I didn't know if had anything to do with sexual orientation, and I was still going out with men."



Theatre Rhinoceros assistant artistic director Duca Knezevic

a gathering of gay and lesbian theater lovers

OUT with A.C.T.

The Steppenwolf Theatre Company production of
The Time of Your Life APR 7

by William Saroyan
directed by Tina Landau
Produced in association with Fox Theatricals and Michael Leavitt

Audiences across the nation are cheering for Saroyan's masterpiece! Time magazine has declared Tina Landau's visionary production "one of the year's ten best!"

Join us for a fabulous post-performance party for complimentary wine, food, and an opportunity to meet the artists. To RSVP for the party please mention "Out with A.C.T." when purchasing your tickets.

BROADWAY
BY UNITED

A.C.T.
american conservatory theater
Carey Perloff, artistic director
Heather K. Chen, managing director
Groups of 15+, call 415.439.2473. For more information about A.C.T.'s productions, directions, classes, and parking (including valet), click www.act-sf.org.

www.act-sf.org | 415.749.2ACT



CLUB FUGAZI • 678 BEACH BLANKET BABYLON BLVD (GREEN STREET) • SAN FRANCISCO
WED & THURS AT 8PM • FRI & SAT AT 7 & 10PM • SUN 3 & 7PM

415-421-4222

PHOTO ID REQUIRED EVENINGS • PERSONS UNDER 21 WELCOME TO MATINEES
www.beachblanketbabylon.com

KATHLEEN MYERS AS MARTHA STEWART • CHRIS COBB AS GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
TRACY CHIAPPONE AS ANNA NICOLE SMITH • MATT ALBER AS DONALD TRUMP
©SSPI 2004 Photo: David Allen



Backstage

Being publicly gay is not something that's very much appreciated there. I'm not sure I would have been able to keep my job as an open lesbian. And it took me a while to figure out who and what I am."

The breakthrough came in 1995, when she met Lisa James at a theater festival in Slovenia. James worked for a small theater company in Atlanta, and for two years they had a commuting romance. "It got kind of impossible," Knezevic said. "We decided that my English is much

better than her Serbo-Croatian, and it would be easier for me to find a job here than for her to find a job there and get accustomed to everyday stuff."

They chose California for their home so each would be starting anew, and because Knezevic had a visa to attend UC Davis. "That kept me here for three years," she said. "Then I was looking for a job, because once your student visa is no good anymore, you have to find a job or leave the country. Theatre Rhinoceros is the only place where I looked for a job that said, 'We'll sponsor your visa.'"

Knezevic's efforts to gain green-card status grew more complicated after 9/11. When the extension on her current visa runs out, she said, "There is no law on the books right now according to which I can stay in the country. Our only hope is that something

Richard Dodds can be reached at BARstage@aol.com.

Lifecasting by *Bibianna*

Commemorate this auspicious time in our history with a painted, sculpted mask of you and your beloved by a local artist.



Celebrate the joyous occasion of your marriage. Give your beloved a symbol of your love and commitment. Using you and your partner as models, we'll cast your torso in plaster and then paint and sculpt the piece to create a unique work of art.

Special Gay Marriage prices:

One for \$250.00, Two for \$500.00 savings of \$100.00

By appointment 510-836-6581

Miss Millie's

The hideaway you're looking for

Dinner & Weekend Brunch 4123 24th St. at Castro
285-5598 call for hours

OFFICIAL SELECTION
SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2004

WINNER - BEST FILM - TEDDY AWARD
BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

a thousand clouds of peace

...in the search for love,
you can find yourself

STRAND RELEASING presents
a film by JULIÁN HERNÁNDEZ

RELEASING

castro

EXCLUSIVE SAN FRANCISCO ENGAGEMENT

STARTS FRIDAY, APRIL 2

DAILY AT 7:00 & 9:10 PM SAT/SUN/WED AT 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 PM

www.strandreleasing.com

LATE NIGHT AT EMPIRE AND NEW YORK CITY'S MOST
CELEBRATED AND CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED CABARET
THE VA VA VOOM ROOM
WHAT IS CONSIDERED WITHOUT QUESTION
THE GREATEST
BURLESQUE ON EARTH!
"NO GUILT, NO MORALS, NO MERCY!" SAYS BUST MAGAZINE



\$20
ADVANCE PURCHASE
TICKETS! CALL
(415) 885-2800
NOW!
"VAUDEVILLIAN MAYHEM!" SAYS LA WEEKLY,
"WEIRDLY DIVERSE!" SAYS PAPER MAGAZINE,
"THE BEST OF NEW YORK!" SAYS NEW YORK MAGAZINE
NEW SHOWS EVERY FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY NIGHT!
LIMITED SEATING! CALL (415) 885-2800 TO GET TICKETS NOW!
OR VISIT WAVAVOOMROOM.COM! A SAN FRANCISCO MUST-SEE!

AT THE EMPIRE PLUSH ROOM
940 SUTTER STREET SAN FRANCISCO
FOR ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE!

EMPIRE
LATE NIGHT AT EMPIRE

COPYRIGHT 1997-2004 VA VA VOOM ROOM PRODUCTIONS LLC NEW YORK, NY. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Fire and funk

Paul Taylor Dance Co. at Yerba Buena

by Stephanie von Buchau

Sometimes ignorance is a good thing. I had no idea, until I read the press kit for this year's annual residency of the Paul Taylor Dance Company at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, that there was a controversy surrounding Taylor's *Promethean Fire*. This wonderful piece was new in 2003 and is repeated on the second of three Taylor programs that opened last Wednesday and run through April 4.

Set to three Bach works orchestrated grandiloquently by Leopold Stokowski, *Fire*, with its heaped up bodies, was considered by some to be a response to the 9/11 tragedy. Others thought, as the superscription is from Shakespeare's *Othello*, that the piece had something to do with Desdemona's murder by her jealous husband. Taylor himself, logically enough since the music suggests it, claims the work was inspired by the film *Fantasia*.

I'm glad I didn't know any of that before I was conquered by *Fire* last spring and again on Thursday, where it shared the bill with another new Taylor work, *Le Grand Puppetier* (Stravinsky). *Fire* is a sensational piece, come just in time to rescue Taylor from some years of creative funk. *Puppetier*, on the other hand, is one of those funky pieces like *Offenbach Overtures* and *Piazzolla Caldera* that seem both shallow and pretentious compared to Taylor's best work.

On the other hand, the guy has been making dances for 50 years — *3 Epitaphs*, his funny but faintly racist jazz ballet, has been in the rep since 1956 — so we should cut him some slack. When Taylor is good, he's very, very good. When he's not, it's just a waste of time, not a hanging offense. More and more, one has to wonder about how Taylor's eccentric musical choices shape his work and our perception of it. Mr. Balanchine, whose 100th birthday is currently being celebrated by San Francisco Ballet, used to say that if you didn't like the choreogra-

phy, you could always close your eyes and listen to the music.

That's difficult with Taylor, as fiscal constraints (and possibly just antic taste) find him employing strange, cut-down versions of great music. Wednesday's world premiere, co-commissioned by San Francisco Performances, which sponsors Taylor's annual visit, is set to a barrel organ



PTDC's
James
Sampson
and Julie
Tice in
Runes

arrangement of Gyorgy Ligeti's "Musica ricercata," while *Puppetier* is our old friend "Petrushka" played on the pianola. And who could forget the two-piano version of *Le Sacre du printemps*, due to return here next season? *Le Sacre*, of course, is a magnificent film noir joke about a very serious subject, but *Dante Variations*, the Ligeti world premiere, is not in that masterwork category.

Modern primitive

Ligeti's formal "Bachian" procedures have given birth to a jerky movement style that would have been seen better without the prelude of *Runes* ('75), a kind of sketchbook for *Dante*. Gerald Busby's minimalist piano score accompanies one of those tribal pieces in which everybody is as mean to each other as Taylor imagines primitive people to be; this is a recurring theme of his, like Stephen King's obsession with writer's block, that I am temporarily unable to access. *Dante* seemed like more of the same,

only with better music.

Runes misses — unless you find those clumps of hair on the men's backs funny. Still, I found *Dante's* recurring prop motif — a short white scarf that acted as handcuffs, a blindfold, even a piece of toilet paper stuck on a dancer's foot (a blatant steal from Mark Morris' *The Hard Nut*) — tiresomely cute.

Puppetier is one of those patented Taylor pieces about the corruption of power — he shamelessly uses Lord Acton's famous dictum as superscription. In *Santo Loquasto's* colorful Disney-Russian costumes, a Napoleonic Emperor (diminutive Richard Chen See) tries to marry his reluctant daughter (Lisa Viola) to an unwilling courtier (Richard Kleinendorst), whose gay cavalier routine will either amuse or repel, depending on your tolerance for homosexual caricature. The daughter, meantime, is getting it on with two of her father's guardsmen (Michael Trusnovec in red and Andy Le Beau in pink).

The Emperor's puppet was originally cast as a man, Patrick Corbin, the company's sexy senior dancer who is on injured reserve. Here, the part is danced by Silvia Nevjinksy, Taylor's most classical girl, in an amazingly loose-limbed performance that is both touching and powerful. Still, *Puppetier* doesn't add up to very much, and you can't even have the pleasure of enjoying the Stravinsky, since the pianola version misses the jaunty folk colorations of the orchestral score.

Your best bet with Taylor is his dancers. He went through a bad patch about a decade ago trying to replace the irreplaceable David Parsons and Christopher Gillis, with their gobs of personality and sex appeal. Taylor's solution has been to find uniformly tall, rangy men, who, judging by their Greek god torsos, spend considerable time in the gym. When six guys line up across the stage in *Arden Court* or *Mercuric Tidings*, their pecs and abs arrogantly displayed above those low-cut tights that look sprayed on, it's sometimes difficult to concentrate on the music or the choreography. ▼

Out There

◀ page 26

ment.

"Hollywood has had its fair share of actors turned into lesbian icons — think of *Barbara Stanwyck*, *Marlene Dietrich*, *Joan Crawford* or *Greta Garbo* — but none had a dyker screen persona than *Mercedes McCambridge*, who has died aged 87.

"She played up this image in her cameo performance in *Orson Welles' Touch of Evil* ('58), as the duck-tailed, leather-jacketed leader of a band of Mexican bikers, wanting to watch *Janet Leigh* being raped in the motel

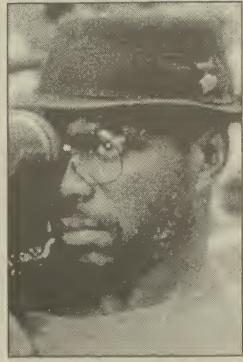
room. This was a follow-up to perhaps her most famous role, that of the butch bitch who leads a posse against *Crawford* in *Nicholas Ray's* baroque Western, *Johnny Guitar* ('54).

"The question posed by several critics about the latter role was whether McCambridge, as *Emma Small*, who owns 'every head of cattle for 500 miles,' wanted to kill *Crawford's* saloon-owning character *Vienna*, or sleep with her." Such a fine line.

Penciled in

A passel of upcoming events of aesthetic importance:

• In *Marlon Riggs: 10 Years*
next page ▶



Filmmaker Marlon Riggs honored

THEATRE

Low-frills antics

42nd Street Moon's 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'

by Richard Dodds

Amy Louise Cole, one of my favorites of the 42nd Street Moon regulars (especially when she gets to tap), is in the challenging position of recreating a role famously essayed by two iconic and oft-imitated performers: Carol Channing and Marilyn Monroe. But as Lorelei Lee in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, Cole imitates neither, creating an appealingly original characterization of subdued proportions.

But then you have to ask if "subdued" is what this 1949 musical really needs in its focal role. When it opened in New York, critics cheered its throwback antic nature at a time, according to critic Brooks Atkinson, when Broadway "has been adding art to the musical stage." The staged concert at the Eureka Theatre has no danger of falling into any sinkholes of art, but the results remain at quite a distance from scintillating.

Part of the problem stems from the direction by Caroline Altman, another regular Moon performer, who is making her directorial debut with the company. An overall flash is missing, and details are often ill-considered, in a production that could benefit from performers with stronger comic and musical skills. Cindy Goldfield's choreography falls too easily into clichés, including the dreaded scissors step. Musical director Dave Dobrusky is the hard-working onstage pianist.

Out There

◀ previous page

After, UC Graduate School of Journalism honors filmmaker/prof **Marlon Riggs**, who died of AIDS in 1994. *Tongues Untied*, Riggs' 1989 film exposing the homophobia and racism that confront black gay men, screens Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m. at Pacific Film Archive, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Tickets (\$8): (510) 642-1412.

Also, Riggs' former students show clips of their work Sat., Apr. 3, 7:30 p.m., North Gate Hall, Rm. 105, UC Berkeley. Filmmaker **Karen Everett**'s tribute, *I Shall Not Be Removed*, screens Sun., Apr. 4, 6:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion, same location. Both these events are free. Info at journalism.berkeley.edu/events/.

• Maverick choreographer **Robert Henry Johnson** premieres an untitled work when **University Dance Theatre** presents *Dialogues from Within*, Fri. & Sat., April 2-3, 8 p.m. at McKenna Theatre on the SF State campus, 19th Ave. & Holloway. Talents of faculty, students and guest musicians included. Tickets (\$12): (415) 338-2467. ▼

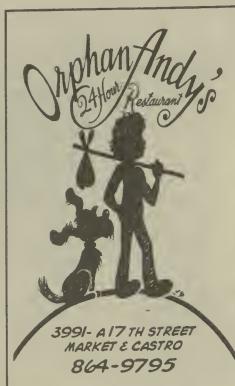
There is spark to Cynthia Myers' performance as Dorothy Shaw, Lorelei's best friend, and Robert Rossman and Dawn Timm, as Lord and Lady Beckman, know how to get the laughs from the dirty old man and his scolding wife. But there isn't much distinguishing fun from Noel Anthony as Lorelei's fiancé or Raymond C. Duval as Dorothy's beau.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes is one of the less-rare musicals that are 42nd Street Moon's specialty. The pleasures of Moon's low-frills stagings seem to come in reverse proportion to the familiarity of the property at hand — when curiosity can fill in many of the blanks. ▼

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes will run at the Eureka Theatre through April 18. Tickets are \$17-\$30. Call 978-2787 or go to 42ndstreetmoon.org.



Amy Louise Cole creates an original characterization of Lorelei Lee.



gay tv is here!

playing in april



On the road, anything can happen.

theTRIP

"...ambitious and moving "The Trip" is a journey well worth taking." - LA Times



A highly erotic and fun movie.

UNDER ONE ROOF

A clever, romantic and sexy comedy about finding love right at home.



Loud, Proud and Live!

COMING OUT PARTY

Seven gay and lesbian storytellers fearlessly share their personal stories of "coming out."

Please visit our website at www.hertv.com

Watch here! on DIRECTV® SERVICE channel 170

here! pay per view is sponsored in part by

Advocate OUT



Your DIRECTV Adventure Starts Here!



Equipment & Installation for up to 3 ROOMS FREE!

CALL NOW 1 866 275-9295

Over 135 ALL-DIGITAL-QUALITY CHANNELS for just \$39.99/MO.

OR VISIT US ONLINE AT DIRECTV.COM/ORDER.



Models may vary

Offer may not be valid in the limited areas served by members or affiliates of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative. Limited-time offer for new residential customers who purchase any DIRECTV System from a participating retailer between 10/1/03 and 2/28/04 and commit to a total of 12 consecutive months of any TOTAL CHOICE or OPTION EXTRA ESPECIAL programming package (\$33.99/mo. or above) within 30 days of equipment purchase. Offer void in Hawaii and where prohibited by law. No cash value. May not be combined with any other offer. Programming, pricing, terms and conditions subject to change. Hardware and programming sold separately. ©2003 DIRECTV, Inc. DIRECTV and the Cyclone Design logo, TOTAL CHOICE and

The logo for Castro's Original Jaguar. It features the words "Castro's Original" in a large, stylized, italicized font at the top. Below that is a large, bold, serif font "JAGUAR" with a horizontal line underneath. To the right of the text is a detailed, black and white illustration of a jaguar's head and upper body, looking towards the right. The jaguar has a textured, spotted coat and is shown with its mouth slightly open. Below the jaguar's head, the words "ADULT BOOKS" and "OBJECTS OF FINE ART" are stacked in a smaller, serif font. At the very bottom, there is a thin horizontal line with a jaguar's tail extending from the right side.

"★ ★ ★ ★"

Irresistible Fun! A new favorite thing!"

New York Daily News

SING-A-LONG

SOUND

OF MUSIC

NOW,

The Classic Film

With Subtitles-

So Everyone Can

Sing Along!

"A spontaneous, magical event.

You will unabashedly

sing your heart out!"

Los Angeles Times

Exclusive East Bay Engagement

APRIL 9 - APRIL 15

LANDMARKS 5

CALIFORNIA

2113 Kitteredge St. • 777-FILM #015

ADVANCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW! HURRY! 7 SHOWS ONLY!

Call TicketWeb Toll Free: 1-866-468-3399

or purchase on-line at www.ticketweb.com

TICKET WEB

© 1998 LANDMARK THEATRES, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Daddy dearest

Russian enigma 'The Return' stultifies

by Robert Julian

Andrey Zvyagintsev's first film, *The Return*, is a bleak, puzzling work that will undoubtedly leave many viewers frustrated and questioning. On the surface, *The Return* is a domestic melodrama about two boys who have grown up in their mother's rural Russian home without a father. One day, the father returns unexpectedly and decides to take the boys on a journey of unspecified length with destination unknown. Packing fishing and camping supplies into the back of his car, father and sons leave for a road trip that will end in tragedy.

From the opening frames of *The Return*, there is a heavy sense of foreboding. Cinematographer Mikhail Krutchan provides a bleak landscape of grays and browns that mirrors the emotional sterility of the boy's family. The father's red car may (or may not) be a sign of hope. But positive change does not seem likely, given Dad's dark, controlling brooding personality. The screenplay by Vladimir Moiseenko and Alexander Novotolot-

Andrey (Vladimir Garlin) and Vanya (Ivan Dobronravov) go on a trip.

sky fills in few blanks. Where has the father been? Why does he want to go away with the boys? What is inside the mysterious box the father unearths on that remote island? These questions remain unanswered at the end of the journey, but along the way, the individual characters of the father and sons are revealed through a series of gradually unfolding conflicts.

ing of *The Return* recall the work of the late Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski. But Zyagintsev's work here is more downbeat and less life-affirming than that of Kieslowski. The actors in *The Return* serve the story well, with strong characterizations and distinct personalities, but American audiences will have a difficult time fighting the onset of tedium. *The Return* is, in short, a long, strange trip. ▼

Latter Days

◀ Arts cover

where I'm going to end up, I'm going to this homosexual hell. I had just turned 13 and hadn't even done anything, but I just knew: That's the fate that awaits me, growing up in the shadow of damnation."

Cox's fears were heightened after a neighbor woman was excommunicated. "She was something of an outcast. Her kids were outcasts, also. They were shunned by the rest of us. I knew that was a pretty dire fate."

Flash-forward almost three decades, and Cox is staring up at a movie marquee that bears his name and the title of his first film, *Later Days*, opening Friday. It's a tautly told story about a young Mormon missionary who succumbs to the bright lights and carnal temptations of the big city by falling in love with a West Hollywood party-boy. Cox admits that *Later Days* is a love letter written to his younger self, "that 19-year-old Mormon missionary who was deeply closeted and kind of fearful. It was funny, opening night of the movie, seeing my name up in lights. I realized it's actually my worst nightmare: that in some horribly public way, somebody would go and tell people that I was a big homo. Somehow, my worst fear had opened the door to making my dream come true, making my first movie."

Role playing

At 23, actor Steve Sandvoss has also seen his life's plan spin wildly away from dreams he once had. "There are two kinds of people in Hollywood: the ones who wanted to be actors before they were in Kindergarten, and ones who were doing something else and realized they couldn't deal with it anymore. I was studying Chinese in

college, I thought I was going to go into international business and it was boring me to tears."



Aaron (Steve Sandvoss) meets WeHo party boy Christian (Wes Ramsey)

young actors lining up to play the alter-ego character, Elder Davis. "We had seen a lot of fish boys they were bringing in," Elder Davis, I pointed out that a lot of times, these missionaries, strapping 19-year-old farm boys. When they handed me his picture, I thought, 'Some poor waif to read for the role?' Then he walked in the room, he's this 6'2", 190 lb. all-American boy. I thought, 'That's the kind of boy we're looking for.'"

Like the Davis character, Sanderson had gone through a crisis in 1964, after the death of his father. "There have been times in my life when, through my own choice, I was going to church five or six times a week. I was really searching for something that would make the world make sense, and I think that experience made the character real to me. I understood

like his character, Sandvoss, never been to bed with a man or off screen. He admits to a bit of trepidation before Aaron's big scene in bed with Westeney's character in a Salt Lake City motel room. "I'm straight, I went into the role thinking, 'I don't give 100%, it's going to be over.' If I look like I'm scared or uncomfortable, it's going to show, then I'll never work again."

really wanted to do it justice and do a good job. I said to myself when I went into it, 'If I like this, that's going to be OK with me. I have to be totally honest and open to it in every way.'

Later Days is a boy-meets-boy love story that gets in some good licks about the skeleton in the Mormon church's closet. Polygamy constitutes a very ironic message given the church's role in bankrolling the fight against same-sex marriage.

Polygamy comes up in the film when, during his trial, young Elder Davis taunts his father on the subject. He's being ex-communicated for kissing his Hollywood friend. The trial is presided over by Davis' father, the church

Cox notes the shadow the practice casts over a little-remembered bit of Mormon history. "Polygamy was unofficial church policy until the late 1890s. There were Federal troops marching on Utah. The Mormon church was preparing to go to war with the US government over their adamant belief that the government did not have the right to define marriage. So there's such irony and hypocrisy that 100 years later, having conveniently forgotten that part of their theology,

their theology
next page ►

MUSIC

Symphony looks ahead

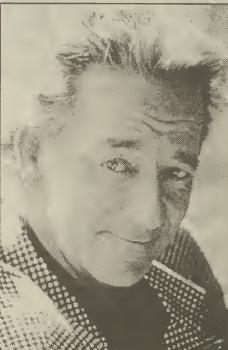
Highlights from MTT's 10th season in SF

by Philip Campbell

The San Francisco Symphony returned home this week after a triumphant domestic tour and the release of their latest compact disc. While ovations resounded in Carnegie Hall, local music-lovers were afforded a chance to take a closer look at next September and the upcoming 2004-05 season, when Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas will begin his 10th year on the podium at Davies Hall.

In keeping with his evolving profile as a dedicated leader and workman-like musician far from the theatrics and opinions of his youth, MTT will avoid much fuss about his incredible decade in the Bay Area. There will be a special concert in January celebrating his 60th birthday, but it looks like the anniversary season will mostly follow the winning formula he has developed over the past 10 years.

There are some surprises; for the first time, two major orchestras will make their tour appearances as part of the regular subscription series. Franz Welser-Most and the Cleveland Orchestra, and Yuri Temirkanov and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic will begin what could be a most interesting tradition.



Yuri Temirkanov brings St. Pete.

A concerto and a rhapsody, written for prominent orchestra members timpanist David Herbert and English hornist Julie Ann Giacobassi by William Kraft and John Thow, will receive their world premieres. MTT has also asked Steve Reich to refashion the first part of his *The Four Sections* as a stand-alone piece titled *For Strings*, with winds and brass.

Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* was the first piece Tilson Thomas conducted after he was named successor to Herbert Blomstedt, and his thrilling interpretation will be on the schedule, along with Beethoven's Ninth, which began his engagement in 1995. There is another returning favorite: MTT's own suite based on Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* (recorded on the orchestra's old contract with RCA).

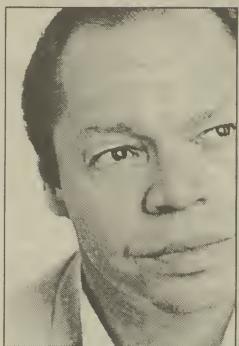
Speaking of recordings, there will be two more major Mahler symphonies: the Seventh and Ninth in the new season. Both will be released later on the Symphony's own label. The entire project so far has been a fabulous success, winning Grammys and keeping the SFS in the limelight on the international scene.

Many happy returns

Returning conductors and soloists include Conductor Laureate Herbert Blomstedt (continuing a happy annual return), David Robertson and Yan Pascal Tortelier. Itzhak Perlman will lead performances that include Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 *From the New World*. Violinists Joshua Bell, Pinchas Zukerman and Midori will take star turns, along with pianists Leif Ove Andsnes, Vladimir Feltsman, Emanuel Ax and Garrick Ohlsson.

Popular vocalists soprano Laura Claycomb (featured on the new Mahler Fourth disc), bass Sanford Sylvan and tenor Stanford Olsen also return to the scene of their previous triumphs.

Important SFS debuts include conductor Paul McCreech, a specialist in early music; tenor Christoph Pregardien and bass-



Baritone Thomas Quasthoff debuts.

baritone Thomas Quasthoff; violinist Leonidas Kavakos and cellist Natalia Gutman.

There are a number of works receiving their first SFS performances, including the charming *Sinfonietta La Jolla* by Martinu, *Naïve and Sentimental Music* by John Adams, Benjamin Britten's *Spring Symphony* and MTT's own *Island Music*. Schumann's *Das Paradies und die Peri* will allow Vance George's Symphony Chorus a chance to shine.

It's hard to believe that MTT has been here for 10 years, but then memories of Herbert Blomstedt and Edo de Waart seem a lifetime ago. Their tenures were important to the growth of the orchestra. Blomstedt was insistent on traditional performing values, and the musicians excelled in technique under his leadership, while de Waart was tireless in his promotion of new music.

Tilson Thomas seems to be the happiest combination of their virtues, and he adds another talent to the mix. He really knows how to communicate his own passion with an electrifying enthusiasm.

We will delve into specific highlights and can't-misses of next season when single-ticket sales are available in late summer, but judging from the schedule, it looks like MTT's 10th is going to be another winner. ▼

THIS EASTER ...

Dine on Carol's dish!

An evening of stories and songs with
CAROL CHANNING



"She's one singular sensation! The audience jumped to its feet more than once. We were watching a master performer [who] still has more to give than most performers half her age or younger."

The New York Times (November 2003)

APR 11 & 12 • 8 PM
2 PERFORMANCES ONLY!

A.C.T.
american conservatory theater

Carey Perloff, artistic director
Heather Kitchen, managing director

Groups of 15+, call 415.439.2473. For more information about A.C.T.'s productions, classes, directions, and parking, visit www.act-sf.org.

www.act-sf.org | 415.749.2ACT

For the New Location Update please visit:
www.bench-and-bar.com

**Latin
Explosion
FRIDAYS**
**Dj. Jorge
spins the
latest in
Latin
& House
music.**



**La Bota
Loca
SATURDAYS**
**Cumbia,
Banda,
Norteña
& Pop.**
MIDNIGHT SHOW
WITH SPECIAL GUEST

bench and bar

120 11th, St Oakland, Ca 94607

510.444.2266

*Pass not valid for special events.

**DJs ADRIAN, THE MYSTERIOUS D,
SUPPOSITORY SPELLING,
and MR. ANTHONY
present**

GUILTY

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR A DRINK TICKET?

A MASH-UP HIPHOP ELECTRO ROCK WHATEVER PARTY

HOT AND SEXY GO-GO DANCERS
\$1 "GUILTY PLEASURE" SHOTS
\$2 PBR! WHITE TRASH MUNCHIES
FREE CD GIVEAWAYS EVERY WEEK!

FRIDAYS
THE STUD
9TH & HARRISON
10 PM - 3 AM • \$5



Be Gay!

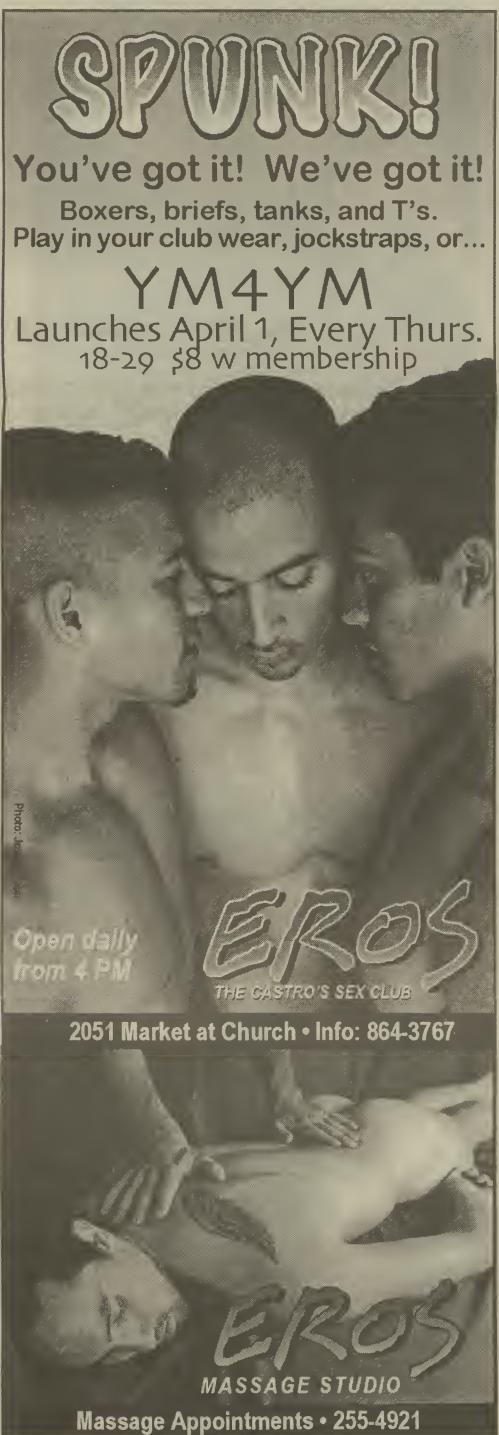
Call. Guys are waiting.

1-800-PRO-MALE
\$1.50/min. 18+ Discreetly billed to Visa/MasterCard

1-900-825-4500
\$1/min. + \$2 connect fee 18+ Discreetly billed to your telephone
© npp productions, reno, nv customer service (888) 263-3331

SPUNK!
You've got it! We've got it!
Boxers, briefs, tanks, and T's.
Play in your club wear, jockstraps, or...

YM4YM
Launches April 1, Every Thurs.
18-29 \$8 w membership



Open daily from 4 PM

EROS
THE CASTRO'S SEX CLUB

2051 Market at Church • Info: 864-3767

EROS
MASSAGE STUDIO

Massage Appointments • 255-4921

Transitioning in La Raza

'Mind If I Call You Sir?' at LGBT Center

by Kevin Davis

Mind if I Call You Sir?, a short guerrilla documentary, presents a round-table discussion of conflicts and concerns between Latina butches and Latino FTMs. A Spanish brass instrumental introduces handsome females Olga and Ana, and muchachos Prado, Yosenio and boyish Ricky, in various stages of transition. They discourse on passing, gender-baiting, humiliation, transphobia and misconceptions on the road to liberation.

Producer Karla E. Rosales describes her film, ignited by a community scandal, as "the complex intersection of gender, racial and sexual identity through a Latino lens. An old-school dyke caused a stir. She felt, in some ways, space she carved out was usurped by younger butches transitioning into men."

Rosales approached Lancaster, California native Mary Guzman to direct the five-day shoot. Guzman made the locally-filmed queer-film-fest fave *Desi's Looking for a New Girl* (2000, in Spanish).

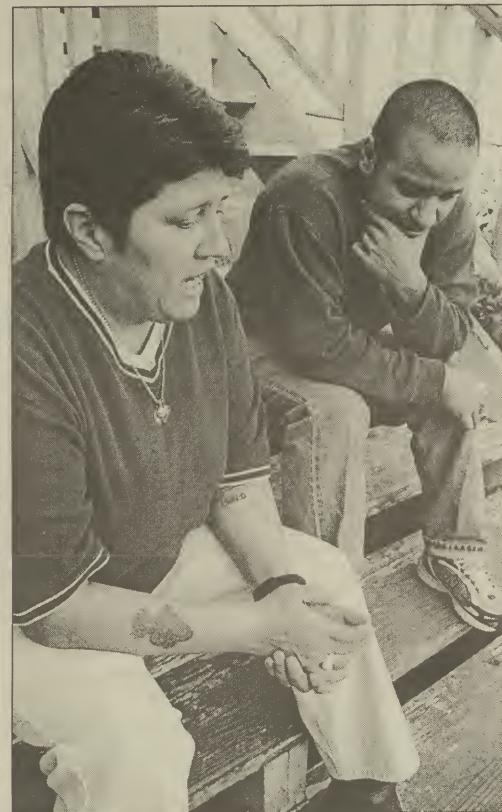
After New Langton Arts' *Potro Nuevo* fund awarded second-generation Nicaraguan-American Rosales a grant, she solicited prospective participants. "They saw the need for dialogue, and came to the table to tackle issues like self-acceptance and trust. This is storytelling, an oral history project."

"I was this little thing," says Yosenio on the theme of childhood ambiguity and androgyny, while Ricky condemns "white-dominated trans space," admitting that in his earlier years, he excluded Hispanic culture to embrace queer community.

Old Valencia Street girl-bar Amelia's DJ, promoter and activist Diane (Chili DJ) recalls her mother puzzling over her tomboy daughter's slicked-back hair and sideburns. We see home movies of the femmed-up young lady Chili on an outing with her mom.

"She's our history," Guzman calls Chili. "She's been around forever."

"Why do you want to turn your back on your sex, your Raza?" Chili implores the rakish, paternal trans-national Chicano



Producer Karla E. Rosales: "This is storytelling, an oral history project."

Prado, paraphrasing a pervasive community attitude. "Why would you give up your womanhood? You're supposed to make babies."

Guzman intercuts photos of little-girl Prado with b&w dramatizations of him with his ex-girlfriend Mariah while he refutes Chili's conception of choice. Prado, who directs a multigender HIV-prevention education program, declares he either honestly embraces or denies his real self.

Ana temporarily transitioned non-operatively in her native El Salvador, in order to date women. Emigrating in her late teens, re-educated, she found she could come out and be a woman with a woman. "I have a choice," she affirms. "I can stay in a woman's

body."

Guzman, who, with brother Michael, *Sir's* cinematographer, directs commercials, employed a basic four-camera set-up: one establishing lockdown camera, and three multi-angled medium close-ups and reverse shots. The Guzmans' decision to film an interview-driven documentary in fluorescent or natural light in sometimes bright interiors overwhelms the subjects' dark complexions, slightly obscuring their faces in shadow. ▼

Mind If I Call You Sir? screens Saturday, April 3, 5:30 p.m., free, at the LGBT Center, 1800 Market St. Info: 865-5633.

Open Sunday Thru Thursday 9:00am - 2:00am, Fri & Sat 9:00am-7:00am

THE TEAROOM THEATER

145 EDDY ST. BETWEEN TAYLOR AND MASON STS. ONE BLOCK FROM HALLIDIE'S PLAZA (CABLE CAR, BART AND MUNI STATION)
Information Tel: 415-855-9887

OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION

LIVE EROTIC J/O SHOWS

**SUN THRU THUR: 1.00 - 4.00 - 7.30 PM.
FRI AND SAT: 1.00 - 4.00 - 7.30 - 10.00 PM.**

AUDITIONERS FOR A LIVE SHOW JOB ARE WELCOME WHEN THERE IS AN OPENING.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ADMISSION PRICE (MON. THRU FRI. ONLY) SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION OR CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

FREE LOCKER WITH REFUNDABLE KEY DEPOSIT. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST FROM LOCKERS.

SMOKERS ARE ALLOWED TO EXIT TO SMOKE, 5 TO 10 MIN. ONLY

RETURN PASS ARE GOOD FOR ONE TIME ONLY

ONE OF THE MOVIES NOW PLAYING



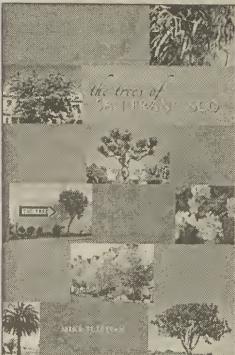
8 FIRST RUN MOVIES + 3 CLASSICS FROM THE BEST MOVIES EVERY WEEK

Local guy makes good

Mike Sullivan's 'Trees of SF' is a treasure

by Cynthia Laird

Volunteering for 12 years with the Friends of the Urban Forest, which plants trees around San Francisco, led Mike Sullivan on an unlikely path, that of a certified arborist and author. Sullivan's first book has just been published, and it is a treasure. *Trees of San Francisco*



(Pomegranate Communications Inc., \$19.95) offers an in-depth look into the many trees around the city, and includes several walking tours so that locals and visitors alike can discover the many variety of trees on their own. The book includes a healthy dose of the Castro and Noe Valley, and Sullivan tried to include local landmarks and the city's diversity in the book's many photos. The photo of a Lava hawthorn tree at 21st and Castro streets on page 33 includes a rainbow flag in the background. Other tree photos capture the Bay Bridge, the skyscrapers of the Financial District, and City Hall.

Sullivan, who's openly gay and an attorney, told the *Bay Area Reporter* in a recent interview that volunteering for FUF and spending Saturday mornings planting trees ultimately led to the book. He and his partner, Paul Loeffler, live in Parnassus Heights and just became proud dads. Sullivan dedicated the book to their son, Joseph. He also planted a tree on his property to celebrate his son's birth: a soapbark.

"I like the idea of tree diversity," Sullivan said of San Francisco's urban landscape. "Most trees do well here. The trick is to plant trees that don't break the sidewalk."

The book was about a two-year project, Sullivan explained. Arthur Lee, author of *Trees of Seattle*, first



Author Sullivan: against pruning.

pitched the idea for a book to Sullivan. Lee and Scot Medbury, executive director of Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, spent time reviewing the manuscript, Sullivan noted in his preface. It took Sullivan about a year to write the book, and another year for him and Jaime Pandolfo to take the photographs, though Sullivan said that Pandolfo did the majority of photography work.

The several walking tours featured in the book offer a chance for people to experience some of the city's neighborhoods. Each tour has a map with locations of the featured trees. The Castro, Sullivan notes, "has a nationwide reputation as the center of the city's gay and lesbian community [and] has more than its fair share of landmark trees fronting the Victorian homes that line its streets."

In terms of the city's plan to plant more trees in the Castro, Sullivan came down firmly on the side of ginkgoes.

"I'm pro-ginkgo," he laughed.

Sullivan added that when the palm trees were planted along upper Market Street in the Castro, some people complained. But he thinks they add to the city's character.

"I think they're great," Sullivan said. "They are Canary Island palms that I think people start to associate with San Francisco. They look great along Market Street and the Embarcadero."

One of the perks of being an author is to state your views, and Sullivan indulges in telling readers his two biggest gripes: planting lavender, rosemary, and ivy in the tree basin (the plants' aggressive roots compete with the tree for water and nutrients) and aggressive pruning (let your tree grow, he writes, and help create a mature canopy your neighbors will appreciate.)



One Tree by the artist Rigo can be found at Bryant & 10th Streets in SF.

Sullivan will be appearing at several events this month celebrating the book's release: Thursday, April 8, 6:30-8 p.m., Book Bay bookstore in the San Francisco Main Library, 100 Larkin St.; Sat., April 10, 1 p.m., recreation room of the SF County Fair Building, adjacent to Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way; Wednesday, April 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at Stacey's Bookstore, 581 Market St.; and, of course, Arbor Day, Friday, April 30, 6 p.m. at Cover to Cover Bookstore, 1307 Castro Street in Noe Valley. ▼

SF JACKS

21st Anniversary Beat-Off!

Just dick, desire...
...and 100 naked men in a room!

Monday, April 12

Doors: 7:30 - 8:30 PM only
Clothes Check • Refreshments

Hotline: 415 267-6999 • www.SFJacks.com

SEE THE THING ITSELF



Leather Masters 15 Year Anniversary

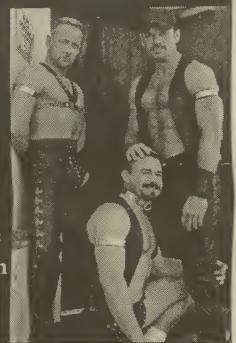
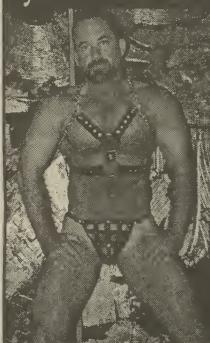
April 9-10, 2004

Free food & drink

Up to 50% off
your Purchase

969 Park Ave.
San Jose, Ca.
408-293-7660

Leather
Masters



April 9, 2004

Leather Night @ Renegades
Sponsored by Leather Masters
Leather Masters Model Auction

Autograph/Photo Signing
www.LeatherMasters.com

FLEX!

WEDNESDAY
GYM NIGHT
Half price
all lockers:
4pm-midnight



After you work out,
enjoy the soothing
warmth of our
steamroom.

New Gym • Private Rooms • Jacuzzi • Steam Room

Membership & Current Photo ID Required
One Time Membership Available • Must be 18 Years



THE
WATERGARDEN
GAY AND BISEXUAL
MEN'S CLUB BATHS
1010 THE ALAMEDA
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
(408) 275-1215
www.thewatergarden.com
OPEN 24 HOURS/7 DAYS A WEEK

PHOTO: J.D. GARNER DESIGNER: PETER'S VISION

Free HIV/STD testing
 1st Thur, 8:30-10:30pm
 2nd Thur, 8-10pm
 3rd Fri, 10pm-12:30am
 All confidential; Private area
933 Harrison @ 5th
 In cooperation with AHP & City Clinic.
 (415) 777-HEAD; www.blowbuddies.com



Underwear/Jockstraps Every Day All Day!
Jack Off Warehouse
at the Circle J Club
 SF's Only Nighttime and Daytime J/O Club
 Club open daily 10 a.m. ~ midnight
 J/O Warehouse open daily 12 noon until closing
 Mandatory clothes check Tue & Fri - Optional Sat & Sun
Circle J Club
 369 Ellis St. (between Jones & Taylor)
 San Francisco 415.474.6995
 Metro & BART - Powell Street Station
 Admission \$10

www.circlejclub.com

Hot Latino Club

 photo courtesy of ragina striloff
ESTA NOCHE
 samba merengue disco salsa
 Weekend Tardeadas Party 4pm-9pm
 Fridays Free Before 11 w/ This Ad
 Entertainment & Dancing Nightly
 3079 SIXTEENTH STREET
 BETWEEN MISSION AND VALENCIA
 SAN FRANCISCO 863.7566

MACK
 Folsom Prison
FREE INTERNET LOUNGE
 why go out of your way to Pay

MONDAY - NAKED NIGHT
 Everyone naked including employees
TUESDAY - CHEAP MEAT
 \$8 entry fee all night
WEDNESDAY - BULGE
 Underwear Party!
THURSDAY - JUVENILE HALL
 18-23 Years old FREE incarceration
 with membership.
SATURDAY - noon to 6PM
 Skateboarders & Goped Riders 1/2 off
SUNDAY - BEAR NIGHT
 Cum feed the Bears
 1285 Folsom @ 9th
415-252-1221
mackfolsomprison.com
 ONLY SEX CLUB ON FOLSOM

Back to the future

by Robert Julian

The Confessions of Max Tivoli by Andrew Sean Greer; Farrar, Straus, Giroux, \$23

From the opening pages of *The Confessions of Max Tivoli*, the reader knows he is heading into uncharted territory. The central conceit of Andrew Sean Greer's novel is that his protagonist, Max, is born with a condition in which he ages in reverse. At birth, Max has the features of a 70-year-old man. As he ages, he actually grows younger. At the age of 30, Max's looks match his chronological age, but as he grows old he gradually shrinks into the immature image of an 11-year-old boy, complete with a high-pitched voice that belies his advanced age.

As an aged man with the face of an 11-year-old, Max sits down to write his memoirs, telling the story of a great love that was won and lost, and a life led as an outsider. Author Greer is a San Francisco writer, and most of the action of *Confessions* takes place in Greer's hometown, beginning in 1871 with Max's birth. Born to wealth on San Francisco's fashionable South Park, Max is sheltered by his parents to help him avoid the harsh assessments of his



peers and strangers. But as a young man, he finds one true friend in Hughie Dempsey, someone who will keep Max's secret condition to himself. Max also falls in love with 14-year-old Alice Levy, who lives downstairs. Max, Alice and Hughie travel on circuitous, interlocking journeys for the rest of their lives, and, at the end of the novel, they find themselves together one last time.

Among Greer's many accomplishments, he manages to infuse his novel with a consistent sense of longing from the beginning. Life would be so much easier, and Max would be so much happier, if

he could only be "normal." But this is not in the cards for Max, and his relations with the outside world will always be colored by his unusual condition. There are many humorous moments and unexpected revelations, including a gay subplot, but through it all, Max's first-person memoir overflows with a wistful sadness.

Early in life, Max's mother encourages him to "be what they think you are," and Max takes this advice to heart. As a result, he spends most of his life pretending to be something he is not. History and psychology both seem to agree that a life led on such terms is destined for misery. Yet Greer's delicate prose dances along the precipice of despair without falling off the edge and wallowing in the depths. Despite a couple of suicides, Max's memoirs have a curiously optimistic impact. It is as if by writing his story, Max might someday lead others to a larger understanding.

At the beginning of the book, Max asserts that "We are each the love of someone's life." Andrew Sean Greer, through a series of narrative twists, demonstrates this principal beautifully. *The Confessions of Max Tivoli* is an expertly written, completely original work of fiction that is destined to stand the test of time. ▼



Untitled (1999), a large-scale color photograph by Adi Nes, after Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*.

Adi Nes

◀ Arts cover

ographed for *Vogue Hommes International*, but these are not your mother's idea of fashion photos. A lineup of handsome handcuffed men in black file past a forbidding-looking wall topped with spirals of barbed wire. Identical twin prisoners sit handcuffed side-by-side on a prison bunk.

Elsewhere in the gallery, Nes' camera gazes longingly at the handsome faces of sleeping soldiers on a bus, or caresses the dozing bodies of half-clothed young men on bunks or on the floor, viewed from the soles of their feet or the tops of their heads, in the Mantegna-like perspective of the early Renaissance. A softly lit "Narcissus" admires his own reflection in a black pool of water, and one wounded soldier cradles another in his arms a la Pieta.

Red china

Of course, the soldiers are not actual soldiers, and the prison in-

mates are as real as those in a Jeff Stryker video. In the *Vogue* series, the clothes are by *haute couture* designers. Hence the title, *Between Promise and Possibility*, which speaks of the cinematic nature of the photographs. It should be noted that the images are not manipulated beyond the artifice of their staging. *The Last Supper* took two months to set up, after the right derelict building was identified, the appropriate uniforms were located, and the perfect red china was arranged on just the right table.

The photographs also reflect myths of same-sex experience, desired but not realized, and they relate directly to the artist's upbringing as a closeted gay man in Israel. One photo that implies imminent gang rape (and is based, Dr. Cornell told me, on a Rembrandt composition of "The Blinding of Samson") was staged in the artist's hometown, Kiryat Gat, rather than the city of Tel Aviv, the location of most of the other photographs. His adolescent desire, deferred rather than

acted upon, is the longing of Jean Genet fiction or Derek Jarman films. Now 38, Nes has found an artistic outlet for his childhood dreams.

Does this rare installation of contemporary photos point toward things to come for the Fine Arts Museums? Cornell notes that the new de Young will indeed have an emphasis on contemporary work. Is there competition going on among the museums of San Francisco? Cornell would not say, precisely, but he does acknowledge that in the Fine Arts Museums, unlike at SFMOMA, the viewer has the benefit of being able to compare traditional paintings from the history of Western art to contemporary, and clearly derivative works like Nes', simply by walking from gallery to gallery. Give us more of this, please! ▼

Between Promise and Possibility is on view at the Legion of Honor through July 18. www.legionofhonor.org (415) 750-3614

Under the volcanoes

Castro hosts 'A Thousand Clouds of Peace'

by David Lamble

In the opening scene of Julian Hernandez's exquisitely filmed first feature, *A Thousand Clouds of Peace* (opening Friday at the Castro Theatre), a 17-year-old boy is doing what 17-year-old boys around the planet are uncommonly good at: administering a blow job in the front seat of the kind of mid-range sedan favored by rental-car companies. Given a piece of tissue to wipe the cum from his lips and a couple of bills to pay for his time, Gerardo's eyes reflect the pain and disappointment of a soul literally sick for love.

Gerardo is sick missing the love of his ex, Bruno, and for most of the film he wanders the streets of Mexico City looking for men to fill the void, men who are mostly hungry mouths and needy crotches. Juan Carlos Ortuno, as Gerardo, does a heroic job of filling 82 minutes of screen time with a convincing variety of hangdog looks.

Director Hernandez shrewdly employs soft-focus black-and-white images to block out the carnal pulse of the one of the world's great fleshpots of a city, allowing Gerardo to feel alone in a beehive of 10 million lost souls. *A Thousand Clouds of Peace* shimmers as a collection of ineffable images. All bodies become the perfect body, flawless skin is perfectly lit, a boy sees the lost lover in the face



Gerardo (Juan Carlos Ortuno) wanders the streets of Mexico City.

of every other man.

Sadly, poetic language that outstays its welcome on screen tends to ripen and rot before our eyes. While I appreciate director Hernandez's deft flaunting of the longtime screen taboo against "self-abuse," beautifully filmed masturbation does not a feature film make. Gerardo badly needs something to do with his time besides treating the downtown poolhall where he works as a horny teenager's version of Manpower. There's a reason why so many films resort to corny genre plot devices: a film needs forward momentum, something to rouse the hero from his catatonic state. Gerardo could have been a pimp, a hustler, a numbers runner. With the lean torso of a novice featherweight, the hard knocks he absorbs under a freeway overpass for the 50th time, I found myself counting the high number of Volkswagens whizzing by.

In one scene, Gerardo does

flash a winning smile and display some of the boy charm that might have convinced Bruno to hang around between blow jobs. Looking for an obscure record, the soundtrack of a movie where a promising diva lets her career get swallowed up in booze and self-indulgence, Gerardo softly sings the lyrics for the young woman running the flea market.

I confess I had a hard time figuring out which character was Bruno. So many men and vastly too much time. As Gerardo hangs over a freeway overpass for the 50th time, I found myself counting the high number of Volkswagens whizzing by.

For a glimpse of an equally poetic but more plot-driven film about a gay boy lost in the big city, check out Edgar Michael Bravo's underappreciated 1994 feature, *I'll Love You Forever...* Tonight. ▼



YOUR HERO RETURNS!!
APRIL, 1-7

www.nobhilltheatre.com

LIVE ACTION ARCADE!
75 CHANNELS!
W/ GLORY HOLES!
16 Live
Sex Cams
on the web!!

Nob Hill
Adult Theatre
"Famous From The Day We Opened"
INFO: 415.781.9468

\$10 OFF Admission
Before 12 Noon!!!

729 Bush St. @ Powell
\$5 ALL NIGHT PARKING BUSH & STOCKTON



V LMAO
linkmealover.net
THE LARGEST FREE GAY SITE IN THE WORLD
**FORUMS, CHAT
PICTURE POSTING,
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**

VISIT US NOW @
<http://www.linkmealover.net>

**WE SEARCH THE WORLD
FOR THE HOTTEST GUYS...
AND PAY THEM TO GET OFF!**

**HUNDREDS
OF THE HOTTEST JO AND GAY SEX
SCENES EVER FILMED!**

<http://www.jackoff.tv>

JACK OFF. tv

OUT & ABOUT

Calendare

by Mark Mardon

Mission groove

If I could be a full-time groupie, I'd follow the **Garrin Benfield Band** to every gig. I've tried over the years, but by now I've missed a few thousand shows. That's what happens when musicians you know and love "make it" in the biz. Garrin, either solo or with his band — Joshua Zucker on upright bass; Michael Rodriguez on keyboards; Russ Gold on drums; Garrin on lead vocals, guitar and loop machine — has been touring non-stop for years up and down the West Coast, often with Boz Scaggs, and has conquered pretty much all the Southwest, Deep South, Eastern Seaboard, and (where he'll be from mid-April to early May) New York City and New England. Every time I catch the band live they're innovating, experimenting, shifting directions and amazing the audience. For instance, Garrin's recent duet with fellow blazing guitarist Eric McFadden on stage at Cafe Du Nord made guitar history for its intensity. No three-chord punk songs here. We're talking serious musicianship.

Garrin's next big gig comes up this **Saturday, April 3** at the newly refurbished **12 Galaxies** nightclub in the Mission, as Family Productions, Zack-songs Music & JPC Records Presents "**Mission Family Groove**" a live-music, art and activism festival benefiting the SFSUSD's School of the Arts, a high school that specializes in creative and independent thinking and artistic and academic excellence. The groove offers multiple stages, artists' displays, and tables for nonprofit political groups Rock the Vote; Little Kids Rock; Bread & Roses, Not In Our Name; Our City; Global Exchange; and PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support). There'll be plenty of eye-candy, not just among the crowd (mixed), but on the walls, where you can admire art by Burning Man photographer Rob Corwin, painter Tim Donovan, Chris Pialat, Cara Gayle, Melody Houser, and Joshua Smith (who produces magnificent photo montages/mosaics by taking innumerable shots of frolickers at faerie gatherings, cutting them up, and meticulously re-assembling them large-scale).

Sharing the main stage with the **Garrin Benfield Band** (garrin.com) will be fellow headliners **Hyim & The Fat Foakland Orchestra** (sexy samba and funky back-beat rhythms in a tight urban world groove); with drummer Michael Faiaella, bassist Mark Calderon, and percussionist Ajayi Jackson; www.hyimive.com); and the **JP Cutler Band** (led by a Minnesota-born singer/guitarist who blends his Americana musical upbringing with his love of ambient music; deft finger-picking reminiscent of Leo Kottke; www.jpcrecords.com).

More great live music will come from the side stages with Holcombe Waller, Paige, and Wendy de Rosa.

This concert marks the release of Garrin's latest CD, *August Live*, a compilation of live material from his Summer tour with Boz Scaggs. ▶

Tickets to "Mission Family Groove" are \$8. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. 12 Galaxies, 2565 Mission St. Tix: 415-309-9240; www.virtuous.com



Garrin Benfield joins with JP Cutler, Hyim and other acts and artists for a "Mission Family Groove" at 12 Galaxies nightclub this Saturday. See "Calendare".

Fri

'A Man of No Importance' @ NCTC

Now playing: The New Conservatory theatre Center presents the West Coast Premiere of the musical *A Man of No Importance*, stage directed by George Quick with music direction by Barry Koron. The book is by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. Based on the 1994 Albert Finney film of the same title, *A Man of No Importance* tells the tender story of Alfie Byrne, a middle-aged Dublin bus conductor. Featuring Arthur Scappalucci as Alfie. \$18-\$28. Thu-Sat 8pm; Sun, 2pm. Thru March 11. NCTC, 25 Van Ness Ave. Tix/info: 861-8972; nctc.org

'Remembering Marlon Riggs' @ Pacific Film Archive

Pacific Film Archive Presents "Remembering Marlon Riggs" Presented with the Graduate School of Journalism. Hosted by Herman Gray and Patricia Turner. Special Guests: Tom Goldstein, Sam Green. With his un-daubed vision, Marlon Riggs could stir you like a force of nature. His resonant yet controversial body of work, which includes Tongues United, Black Is, Black Ain't, and Ethnic Notes, was groundbreaking in its unblinking ability to address black identity. These videos served both as banners of social defiance and as audaciously original media works. Riggs was many things: a professor in the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley, a prolific media artist with poetic inclinations, and an unwavering spokesperson for black culture and, most particularly, for gay black men. On this tenth anniversary of his death, Pacific Film Archive remember Riggs's bold legacy by asking artists and academics who knew him to share their recollections. They will also screen his most notorious work, *Tongues United* (1989; 55 mins; from *Signifyin' Works*), an enthralling glimpse into the lives of gay black men. Preceded by shorts: *Anthem* (Marlon Riggs, 1991) and *Tongues Deep Fried* (Jeanne Finley, Lynn Kirby, 1993). 7:30pm. The Pacific Film Archive theater, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: 510/642-1412; bampfa.berkeley.edu

'Skydancers' @ Dance Mission Theater

Dance Brigade presents "Sky-dancers... Women Who Fly Through the Air!" More than 12 artists and groups draw from the modern-dance, aerial and circus school communities work with equipment that includes trapezes, hoops, bungees, ropes of all kinds and other apparatus. This year's festival honors women with cancer. \$18 adv; \$20 day of show. 8pm April 2-3; 6pm April 4; 8pm April 9-10; 6pm April 11. Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th St. Tix: 415-273-4633; www.dance-mission.com

Mad Magda's 'Seance' @ Soluna

Mad Magda's "Seance," a mystical party. Denise of dharma music and creator of the "Seance" parties joins with Lucien Stern creator of the irreverent and legendary Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room to create "Mad Magda's Seance." Experience a magical evening of Tarot, Henna Design and the mystical beats of DJ Sep plus surprise entertainment. \$5 b4 10:30 (after 10:30 tbd). 9:30-2am. Soluna, 272 McAllister @ Larkin. Guestlist info: dharma_music@hotmail.com

Potluck Shabbat

Dinner @ Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Bring your favorite vegetarian dish — salads, main courses, sides and desserts — for sharing at the Shabbat Table, as our LGBTQ community gathers to celebrate the beginning of Shabbat. We are seeking ways to build connections among the members of the congregation, especially to bring prospective and newer members together with longer-time members to enjoy each other's company and to become better acquainted. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is a progressive Reform synagogue, established in 1977. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual Jews, together with lovers, family and friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish. We come from a wide range of religious, ethnic, class and cultural backgrounds to worship God with an egalitarian, feminist and gay-positive Jewish liturgy. We welcome all who wish to join us for worship, learning and celebration with our rabbi, Camille Shira Angel. Our synagogue is located at 290 Dorelo Street (at 16th St.). 6:30pm. Info: shaarzahav.org

Ralph Steele @ Unitarian Center

San Francisco Zen Center's "Body, Breath, Mind" series presents Ralph Steele, who after acquiring a heli-copter habit while serving as a helicopter gunner in Vietnam, beat the habit through Buddhist discipline, studying under Sogyal Rinpoche, HH The Dalai Lama, Lama Thubten Yeshe, Jack Kornfield, Ram Dass, Richard Baker Roshi, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and many more. He is an African American Theravada Buddhist teacher and licensed marriage & family therapist. \$16. 7:30pm. 1187 Franklin St. (at Geary). Tix: 415-863-3133; membership@sfcz.org

'Latter Days'

Maitri benefit @ Embarcadero Cinema Opening night gala for the hot gay film *Latter Days* by C. Jay Cox (*Sweet Home Alabama*), a benefit for Maitri Companionship Care. Includes reception with the stars and director. Story: Christian (Wes Ramsey), a hunky 20-something WeHo party boy, gets more than he bargains for when he tries to seduce 19-year-old Elder Aaron Davis (Steve Sandvoss), a sexually confused Mormon missionary who moves into his apartment complex. Meet director/producer Cox, actors Ramsey and Sandvoss, and

special guest actress Jacqueline Bisset, \$25 gen'l; \$40 'Friend of Maitri'; \$100 'Sponsor of Maitri'. 7pm. Tix: Matt Gibson, Maitri, 415-558-3011; mgbison@maitri-is.org

'Return of Mondo Porno' @ Cat Club

Paradox Media and Lu Read/Dragstrip in association with EdiltrixAbby present "The Return of Mondo Porno" at the Cat Club, offering raunchy rock & roll, sexy strippers and free porn (of all varieties). Live rock line-up includes Fluff Grrrl, Crumpled Napkin, Tribe 8 and The Love-makers. In between each band will be a bit of bawdy burlesque featuring Roky Roulette, The India and Dee Decloux. The bands and dancers will appear in the back room, following an 8:30pm screening of *Debbie Does Dallas*. Pom-poms optional. In the front room: DJs Pinky Ring and Jules spin sex rock, dance romance and makeup music. Perverts can pose with sexy Selina Raven and pulchritudinous Polly Pandemonium, receive naughty birthday spankings from feted genderfucker Whacked Willy or query MyPleasure.com's Sex Doc. Sandor Mads with kinky questions. Mix, mingle and pick up some salacious swag. \$10 wifler or printout, \$15 w/o. Doors at 8pm; movie at 8:30; Bands at 10; open till 3am. Cat Club, 1190 Folsom St. at 8th. Dragstrip Hotline: 415-282-5378; mondopornoparty.com

'Queer Vision' @ Trax

Queer Vision (formerly Queers for Matt) gather with the Gay Artists Writers Collective (a loosely connected social group of people in the arts). Musicians, writers, editors, wannabe publishers are urged to attend. DJ Jon Sugar is off the hook with rock, soul, and electica. 9pm to Midnite, Trax, 1437 Haight St. at Ashbury. Info: 415-731-2424.

Sat

'Flaming Iguanas' @ Theatre Rhinoceros

Opening Night: Theatre Rhinoceros presents *Flaming Iguanas*, a world premiere play based on the novel by Erika Lopez, adapted & directed by John Fisher & Duka Knezevic. In *Flaming Iguanas*, the ultimate sea-to-shining-sea all-girl adventure, we follow the exploits of Tomato Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican, New Jersey girl riding her motorcycle across the country in search of good sex, and learning first hand what it takes to be bi-coastal, biracial, bisexual, and a biker. By the time Tomato rolls into SF, she has decided to sleep with men, not to sleep with men, prayed for a bisexual role model, and figured out that who she is, is whatever she makes up that day. In this unique Road Trip production, the action of the play will take place in various spaces in and around the building that is home to Theatre Rhinoceros. \$15-\$25 (pay what you wish at previews). 8pm. Play runs April 1-24. Showtimes: Wed.-Sat. @ 8pm; Sun. Eves @ 7pm; Sun. Mats @ 3pm (April 10 & 18). Straight Night Out: Thurs. April 15 @ 8pm. The Rhino, 2926 16th St. (Mission & So. Van Ness). Tix/info: 861-5079; therhino.org

Hyena Comedy @ Hyena Theater

The Hyena Comedy Showcase features up-and-coming local stand-up comedians. Check out Enzo Lombard-Quintero, Kelly Doyle, Carol Andredes, John Ruzicka, Asa Whillcock, Michelle Gray, Tamara Kay, and more. 8:30pm. Hyena Theater, 2390 Mission, 3rd floor (corner of 20th and Mission). Tix/info: 415-821-3601.

'St. Joan of the Stockyards' @ Venue 9

Custom Made Theatre Company presents Bertolt Brecht's *Saint Joan of the Stockyards*, translated



The Shotgun Players inaugurate free performances with Moliero's *The Miser* at the Julia Morgan Center in Berkeley. See Monday.

by Ralph Manheim, a wickedly funny, politically challenging play with music that takes the legendary story of Joan of Arc and turns it on its head. Brecht's Joan is now Joan Dark, who battles the Chicago meat-king, Pierron Mauler, to save poor workers from his exploitations. Like the Joan of history, she is quickly betrayed by those she tries to help. Original music by Christine McClinton (Rockin' Girl); direction by Brian Katz (*Animal Farm*). \$18 gen'l; \$15 student/senior. 8pm Fri. & Sat.; 2pm Sun. Thru April 25. Venue 9, 252 9th St. (at Folsom). Tix: 866-468-3399; ticketweb.com. Info: custom-made.org

The Mirth Brokers + Dixieland Dykes @ The Center

Thriving in SF presents The Mirth Brokers, Laughing Stock's performance appendage, with The Dixieland Dykes + 3, "The Old World Band with the New Math Problem," in an afternoon showcase of improvisational comedy and musical mayhem. Laughing Stock is a community service program of the BATS IMPROV School of Improv, now in its sixth year of providing free classes to people living with life-threatening, chronic illness. The Mirth Brokers is directed by Gerrit Lawlor, accompanied by Joshua Raoul Brody. The Dixieland Dykes jazz ensemble players come from the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band & City Swing. A fragrance-free event. \$10 donation. 2pm. Rainbow Room, LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market St. (at Octavia).

Davina Kotulski, Ph.D @ The Center

Book Release/Signing Party. Marriage Equality (MECA) and Betty's List present a special book release and book signing party for the marriage manifesto *Why You Should Give A Damn About Gay Marriage* by Davina Kotulski, Ph.D and MECA Board member. Featuring cabaret singing, book reading, light refreshments and politics galore!

When Britney Spears walked out of that wedding chapel in Las Vegas after her little "marriage incident," she immediately had access to over 1,300 rights and privileges that are not available to a gay and lesbian couple who have shared a life together for over 50 years. But, according to George Bush, the sanctity of Britney's union must be preserved, even at the cost of the U.S. Constitution. Author and activist Davina Kotulski thinks this doesn't quite make sense. In her book, *Why You Should Give A Damn About Gay Marriage*, she spells it out in plain English, and tells you what you can do about it. \$25-\$50 sliding (includes a signed copy of the book). 5pm-7pm. LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market St. @ Octavia. RSVP: email: davina@marriagequalityca.org; or go to evite.com (under lifestyles: gay & lesbian)

Left Coast Chamber Ensemble @ The LAB LAB composer-in-residence Beth Custer hosts members of the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble to celebrate the world premiere of her *Bernal Heights Suite for String Quartet*. Plus Gyorgy Ligeti's *String Quartet No. 1*, "Metamorphoses nocturnes." \$10-\$15 sliding. 8pm. 2948 16th St. Tix: 415-864-8855; thelab.org

'Birthday Blowout' @ Mezzanine

Mezzanine celebrates its first year of hot nights, endless weekends, sexy boys and mind-blowing music with a gigantic "Birthday Blowout!" On the decks, fierce-resident DJ Chris Cox kicks off the night with an electrifying set starting promptly at 10pm. Arrive early, claim your spot, and prepare to be lifted as Chris ignites the dance floor with his blazing sounds. Then into afterhours with cover boy DJ Jamie J Sanchez at 2am for more dance-floor naughtiness. Live on stage, witness the dawn of a new era with the new Industry Dancers. Buy a VIP ticket and hob nob with these sexy boys in the VIP lounge. \$10 gen'l; \$30 VIP. 440 Jesse St. (at Mint). Tix: groovetickets.com. Info: mezzanine.com

'Lens Culture'**@ Herbst Theater**

Humanities West presents "Lens Culture: the impact of photography on modern life," bringing to the stage world-class speakers delivering in-depth insights on photography's incalculable historical impact. Introduction by Sandra Phillips, Senior Curator of Photography at SFMOMA. Illustrated lectures by Dr. Weston Naef, Curator of Photographs, the J. Paul Getty Museum; Dr. John R. Grunsfeld, multiple journey NASA astronaut who repaired the Hubble Telescope in space; Dr. Elizabeth Daley, Dean of the School of Cinema-Television at USC; and author/photographer William Carter. Demo by Tracy Storer of the huge 20"X24" Polaroid camera, of which only a few exist in the world. \$20-\$35. 10am-4:30pm, 401 Van Ness Ave. (near McAllister), Tix: City Box Office, 415-392-4400; cityboxoffice.com. Info: humanitieswest.org

Sun**'Pride of Palm Sunday'**

@ Glide Church Special celebration: "Pride of Palm Sunday." Come together with those who were prevented from being married, those who were married, and all who affirm love, equality and spirit. Blessings and affirmation will be bestowed by the Rev. Celia Williams and Pastor Douglass Fitch with music by the Glide Ensemble and the Change Band. Glide United Methodist Church, 330 Ellis St. RSVP: 415-674-6004; www.glide.org

SF Hiking Club

@ Butano State Park Join other outdoors lovers for a Butano State Park Hike. Hike through Douglas fir/redwood forest and up to a chaparral ridge with knobcone pines, scrub oaks, manzanita and chinquapin where the group will have lunch, returning through the cool forests. A moderate 10-mile hike with a 1,000-ft. elevation gain. Meet 9am under the large Safeway sign at Market & Dolores. Info: 415-487-6410; sfhiking.com

Outlook Video @ Comcast Channel 29

"Outlook Video," since 1987 the Bay's best LGBT cable show. This month: extensive coverage of the gay weddings at SF City Hall. Plus, Rev. Gerry Brague discusses being an out gay minister in a primarily straight church. 5pm on Comcast Channel 29 in SF. For info on East Bay/South Bay/Sacramento airings, visit outlookvideo.org

'K'vetsh' @ Sadie's Flying Elephant

"K'vetsh," queer spoken word and open mic (first Sunday of every month), hosted by Lynn Breedlove and Tara Jepson. \$1-\$3 donation. Sign-ups at 7:30pm; show at 8pm. Sadie's Flying Elephant bar, 491 Potrero (corner of Mariposa).

Mon**Buddha's Birthday****@ Q-Sangha**

Buddha's Birthday: A Queer Celebration of Interfaith Spirituality. All are welcome to join Q-Sangha at MCC-SF for this beautiful Blessing Ceremony in honor of Buddha's Birthday (coinciding this year with Passover, Holy Week, and the first Full Moon of Spring). Music, Meditation, Candlelight Prayers, Blessing Ritual, Dance, Inspirational Words. 100 persons expected. Free (donations appreciated). 7-9pm. Metropolitan Community Church of SF, 150 Eureka St. @ 18th St. (in The Castro). Info: www.qsangha.org

'The Miser'**@ Julia Morgan Center, Berkeley**

Opening night: The Shotgun Players embark on a five-year residency at The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts — now as a free-admission theatre company (pass-the-hat donations after the show). Kicking off their 2004-05 season tonight is *The Miser*, by Moliere, translated by David Chambers, di-



The Joe Goode Performance Group serves up sensuous delights as part of the vibrant "San Francisco Treasure Series" at The Marsh. See Wednesday.

rected by Shotgun Artistic Director Patrick Dooley. *The Miser* is Moliere's rollicking sex and money farce. "Greed is good!"

Harpagon, arguably the stingiest creature in stage history, is so vile he starves his horses, refuses to pay his staff, and pimps out his children for a profit. We had to ask ourselves, "Why is it such a guilty pleasure to cheer for someone so nasty?" Free! 8pm. 2640 College Ave. (at Derby), Berkeley. Tix: 510-704-8210; shotgunplayers.org

Tue**Marcus Shelby Septet @ Jazz At Intersection**

Intersection's Resident Composer Marcus Shelby and his new Septet perform compositions by Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, often cited as the creators of Hard Bop and incomparably influential to generations of musicians. Material to be performed ranges from the 1950's band with Horace Silver to the 1960's band with Wayne Shorter to the 1980's band with Wynton Marsalis. \$12-\$15 sliding. 8pm. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St. (btwn 15th/16th). Tix: 415-626-3311; theintersection.org

Wed**Joe Goode Performance Group @ The Marsh**

The Marsh, a breeding ground for new performance, presents The Joe Goode Performance Group as part of the "San Francisco Treasure Series" showcasing the latest work from local artists whose vision have been nurtured on the Marsh's stage since it was founded in 1989. Choreographer Joe Goode's acclaimed company has been the artist/dance group-in-residence at The Marsh for the past three years and develops its work in The Marsh Studio. Goode has spent the last 20 years synthesizing a genre of dance theater combining text, gestures, and humor with his own deeply physical, high velocity dancing. \$25-\$50. 8pm. 1062 Valencia St. (btwn 21st & 22nd st). Tix/info: 415-826-5750; themarsh.org

Scott Capurro's 'Loaded' @ ODC Theater

Opening night: Scott Capurro's new play, *Loaded*. With Scott Capurro and Reid Gilbert, directed by Kim Porter. Opening night sponsored by KLLC Alice @ 97.3, benefiting the Haight Ashbury Clinic. In his new play, Capurro engages in a wickedly indulgent affair of letters with the incarcerated Insular Erik Menendez, while cautiously cruising a car salesman with a glandular problem. In this hilarious farce into misshapen lives and misguided love, Capurro ponders the age old question, why do we fall for the wrong people? Tickets to Opening Night, April 7 @ 8pm are \$35. \$18 gen'l. Thu-Sun, April 7-11 Thu-Sat, April 13-17 8pm. ODC Theater, 3153 17th St. Box Office: 415-863-9834 (open Wed -

Sat 2-5pm).

Queer Swing @ The Center

Queer Jitterbugs presents Queer Swing Classes. No partner or experience needed. 7pm basic Lindy Hop Swing (2-week class series); 8pm Lindy Hop Level 2 (drop-in class). \$13 (under 21 half off). \$40 for 4 week series (prepay & get half off the 2 monthly dances with Queer Dance Pass card). SF LGBT Center, 1800 Market St. Info: 415-305-8242; queerjitterbugs.com

Davina Kotulski @ Magnet

A Different Light Bookstore presents Davina Kotulski, your second chance this week to catch her reading and get a copy of *Why You Should Give A Damn About Gay Marriage*. Free. 5:30pm at Magnet, 4122 18th St. (across from Badlands).

Kyra Nichols & Sally Streets @ SFPALM

San Francisco Performing Arts Library & Museum, in tandem with its new exhibition *George Balanchine: Ballet Master*, presents "A Conversation with Kyra Nichols and Sally Streets." Berkeley native Nichols, the brilliant star of the NYC Ballet now celebrating her 30th year with the company, and her mother Sally Streets, the renowned teacher who danced with NYCB in the 1950s, make a rare joint appearance to discuss their careers with Balanchine curator Sherry Flawton. \$15 gen'l; \$10 students/SFPALM members. 7pm. SFPALM, Veterans Bldg, 4th floor, 401 Van Ness Ave. (at McAllister). Tix: 415-255-4800; sfpalm.org

Inner Peace @ Quan Yin Healing Arts Center

Kadampa Buddhism meditation class with Kelsang Tekchog. Based on a time-honored Mahayana Buddhist tradition. These ongoing drop-in classes included guided meditation, a teaching on an aspect of Buddhist philosophy, and question time. 7:30-9pm. 455 Valencia St. (btwn 15th/16th). Info: 585-9161; kadampas.org

Thu**'Queer Crips' @ ACWLP for Books**

A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books presents a reading and signing with co-editors Bob Guter and John R. Killacky and other local contributors to *Queer Crips: Disabled Gay Men and Their Stories*. This groundbreaking new Haworth Press anthology has been nominated for a Lambda Literary Award. Free. 7pm. 601 Van Ness Ave. Info: 441-6670.

Aaron Hamburger @ The Booksmith

Reading/booksigning: *The View From Stalin's Head*. Come hear Aaron Hamburger read from his first book, a story collection, set in post-Cold War Prague — the real Prague — a magnet not only for artists and writers, but also for American tourists and post-college deadbeats; a place both glorified and mocked by its histo-

ry, its citizens both resentful of and nostalgic for their Communist past. Free. 7pm. The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St. Info: 415-863-8688; aaronhamburger.com

'Bling BIAsian Bling' @ Luggage Store Gallery

Opening reception: "Bling BIAsian Bling," new work by Iona Rozeal Brown and STELLA LAI, curated by Darryl Smith/Laurie Lazer. Featuring work that incorporates traditional African American and Asian elements, forms and techniques to comment upon and explore socio-cultural & socio-political issues. Iona Rozeal Brown's paintings portray anonymous courtesans, geisha, and Japanese gangsters in blackface. Brown's work addresses the global influence of hip-hop, commercialism, appropriation and African-American culture as fetish. Her "w.o.i.m.s." (works) are an acronym for "Weapons of Mass Spending." The wools are armed only with a mouthful of rotting teeth, and an occasional gold cap, as they greedily feast on all manner of material culture, particularly the trendy accessories of hip-hop. STELLA LAI, whose work is informed and influenced by graphic design and typography, works with three "girl" characters wearing animal masks — a rabbit, a bear and a cat. The characters were inspired by The Monkey King story, where human characters adopt animal traits. Lai's characters retrace childhood memories and explore issues of sexuality, isolation and vengeance. Referencing her native Hong Kong's chaotic urban landscape, Lai makes comparisons to several urban centers in the U.S. — SF's Chinatown and LA's Chinatown.

Free. 6-8pm. Show runs April 8-May 8. The Luggage Store Gallery, 1007 Market St. Info: 415-255-5971; luggagestoregallery.org

'Break the Silence' @ Eagle Tavern

Benefit show for the Break the Silence Palestinian Mural Project with Susan Greene from Jews for a Free Palestine and the mural project and Dalit from Black Laundry (Israel's queers against the occupation group). Music by The Qualifs, Turtur, Crime in Choir, Criminal Love. 8pm. Eagle Tavern, 398 12th St. @ Harrison. Info: www.sfeagle.com

WANNA SUBMIT?

Send your calendar event listings to:

Mark Mardon
Out & About
Bay Area Reporter
395 Ninth Street
San Francisco, CA
94103

Deadline is the Friday before issue date.

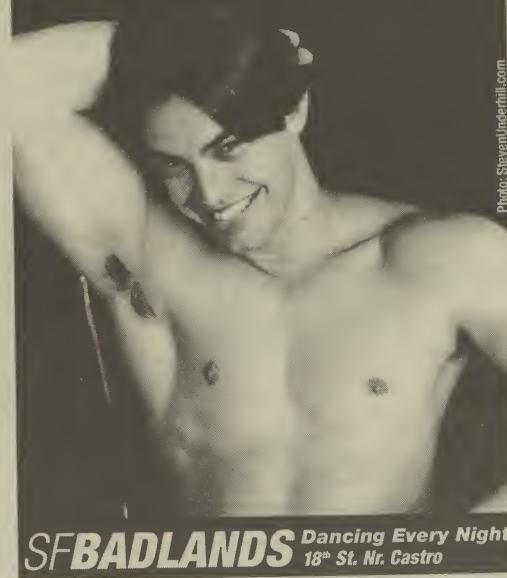
Meet a friend at Badlands

Photo: Steven Underhill.com

SFBADLANDS Dancing Every Night
18th St. Nr. Castro**San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus****Oh, Happy Day!**

A Celebration of Gospel, Motown and Spirituals

With Special Guests: Transcendence Gospel Choir,

Gwen Avery & Kim Kuzma



Gospel, Motown and spirituals all come together in a joyful celebration of African American musical heritage and the reclamation of EVERYONE's right to sing praise! SFGMC will be joined by Transcendence Gospel Choir, the world's first all-transgender gospel choir. Also appearing will be Gwen "Sugar Mama" Avery and renowned Canadian recording artist Kim Kuzma.

Saturday, 8pm April 17th, 2004

Sunday, 5pm April 18th, 2004

Mission High School Auditorium

Tickets \$10.00 - \$40.00 Available at
SFGMC Box Office, 4053 18th St.
Call (415) 865-3650 or visit us at
www.sfgmc.org

Body Body Wear
535 Castro Street
Call (415) 621-1222

Mention this ad and
receive \$2.00 off general
ticket admission or any
SFGMC CD!

SFGMC
SAN FRANCISCO
GAY MEN'S CHORUS
Dr. Kathleen McGuire
Artistic Director
& Conductor

brought to you by:

AmericanAirlines

Wells
Fargo

LA CREMA

Sprint

kinko's



Auto Erotica
purveyor of vintage porn
& fine dildos
4077A 18th Street
415-861-5787
open every day

we buy
PORN
photos, videos, dvd's & magazines
call
Steve
415-621-1188
days, or
Patrick
415-810-2325
evenings & weekends



(415) 621-7551
9 AM - 10 PM, Mon - Sat
11 AM - 7 PM, Sun
2199 Market St, SF, CA 94114
Or send \$3 for our Catalog

Image Leather



**He needs a
Hot Shower!
bachelor
party zone!**
decorations & favors • naughty gifts
fun party games • playful ass toys
passion plugs and more!
**Falcon, Jock and
Mustang VHS**
Reg. \$69.99
NOW! \$49.99
photo:HOTHOUSE.com
THE GULCH
947 Folsom bwn. 5th & 6th
415-995-8402
2352 Market St Castro
415-994-8524



San Francisco
(415) 430-1199
Oakland
(510) 343-1122
Palo Alto
(650) 223-0505
Concord
(925) 695-1100
San Jose
(408) 514-1111
Vallejo
(707) 656-1111

BONUS & REPLY TO LOCAL VOICE ADS FREE
**JOIN THE FUN
MAKE THE CALL**
MEGA phone
FREE CODE 3492



MegaMates.com
Try the next generation
of Internet Dating **FREE!**
Live Video/Audio/Text Chat
Create, Send & View Videos
Totally Private • No Ads Or Pop-Ups

©2004 Progressive Web LLC • Friendly Customer Care 24/7 (800) 289-1483

Watrel triumphs in LA

Gene Romaine captures Seattle

by Mister Marcus

Two more leather icons emerged after last weekend when the Los Angeles Leather Coalition and the Washington State Mr. and Ms. Leather Organization staged their contests to record-breaking crowds in both cities. The only difference in the two is that Mr. Washington State Leather will not compete at IML until 2005, joining Mr. Alaska Leather and Mr. San Diego Leather in competing for IML 2005.

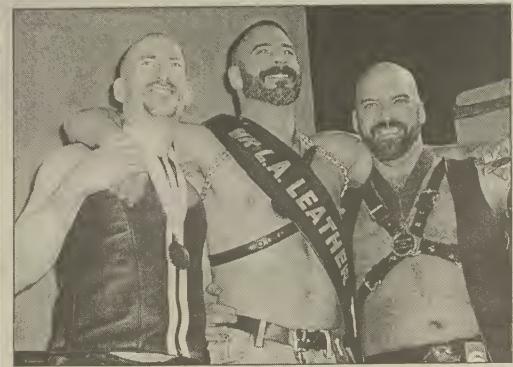
Domestic and foreign leather people converged at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Los Angeles for the LALC extravaganza, where they were treated to seminars, guided tours, play parties, dance parties, a street fair and shuttle buses to get everyone to the various venues. Oh, and don't forget they had a contest with nine men competing to succeed Stephen Blackwell.

As the master of ceremonies, Brian Dawson was as spiffy as you could get, and managed to maneuver through the various segments with calm dignity. After a quick rendition of the national anthem and a dashing uniformed color guard, LALC chairman Kevin Casey welcomed the crowd at the elegant El Rey Theatre on the Miracle Mile (Wilshire Boulevard), and the contest was on.

The usual categories, including physique, were paraded for the enthusiastic crowd, and much cheering greeted the various contestants. A dynamic acrobatic duo wowed the audience with their daring configurations and drew wild applause.

Outgoing Mr. LA Leather Stephen Blackwell gave an 11-minute step-aside speech, thanking all that believe in "boys" and supporters who made his year with the title one to remember.

The moment of truth was upon us before we knew it. The sash, the medals, the fanfares. The second runner-up named was Wil Wesley (Mr. LA Leather Bear); the 1st runner-up was Rev. Ricky Hoyt (Mr. Bullet Leather); and the



Mister Marcus

The Mr. Los Angeles 2004 contest winners (from left): Rev. Ricky Hoyt (1st runner-up); Marc Watrel, Mr. LA Leather 2004; and Wil Wesley, 2nd runner-up. They competed last Saturday, March 27 at the El Rey Theatre on the Miracle Mile in Los Angeles.

winner, Marc Watrel (also Mr. Faultline Leather). He advances to compete at IML next May.

There was a lot of hard work, planning and innovative that went into this year's production and it showed. The LALC should be proud of their accomplishment.

And in the Emerald City...

It was equally leathery in Seattle over the past weekend, as another big crowd turned out for the Mr. and Ms. Washington State Leather competitions, culminating a week-long Leather Pride Week on Saturday night, and the annual Emerald Awards on Sunday.

There were only one man and two women vying for the titles, with Gene Romaine competing for the male title and Tina & Victoria vying for the female title.

Lenny Broberg was the head judge, and Frank Nowicki masterfully emceed the event. No details of the evening were available at my deadline, but Mr. Romaine managed to achieve the qualifying number of points from the judges to become Mr. Washington State Leather 2004, and Victoria Christian was chosen Ms. Washington State Leather 2004.

Rick Storer of the Leather Archives & Museum received the

highest Emerald Award at the ceremony on Sunday. Mr. Washington State Leather 2005 will be changed to a different date next year. Stay tuned.

Chest-A-Mania

The crowd was big (and enthusiastic) last Thursday, March 25 at the Powerhouse when only two men entered the 9th round of the 2005 calendar contests, "Jake" Anderson and Bobby Combs. The usual shenanigans ensued for the spirited crowd, and when the judges (Scott King, Tyrone Smith, Ken Ferraris, Tim Ault and Glennon Sutter) tallied their scores, "Jake" Anderson qualified to compete in the final rounds. The final qualifying contest for the 2005 calendar takes place tonight, Thursday, April 1 at 9:30 p.m. at the Powerhouse.

The beat goes on

More leather gatherings in the weeks ahead. Two contests, one learning experience. This weekend, I.M.s. L. Tammie Nelson produces the Indiana Leather Sir/boy competition in Indianapolis, while the leather faithful will gather in New Orleans for the Leather Leadership Conference. The LLC sent me no information on the weekend agenda, so all I can tell you is that it is taking place.

The weekend of April 9-11, the next page ►

EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Thursday, April 1

Final round to qualify for the 2005 Bare Chest Calendar tonight at the Powerhouse, 2130. Easy way to volunteer for a worthy cause - the AEF and PRC, beneficiaries of calendar sales.

Weekend, April 2-4

Leather Leadership Conference in New Orleans; Indiana Leather Sir/boy in Indianapolis, Tribe MC of Detroit \$85 weekend run. For info: healergreg@prodigy.net.

Friday, April 2

Stompers Boot Night at the Loading Dock with an \$8 beer/soda bust from 2000-2300.

SF Leather Sir, Tom Braddock, hosts a Greasy Jock Strap Contest & Motor Oil Party at the Powerhouse to benefit HRC & GLAAD, at 2100. The "Snatch" flies in from Palm Springs to entertain. No prices given or other info.

Saturday, April 3

Golden Gate Guards MC beer/soda bust at the Lone Star Saloon from 1500-1900 for \$8.

Sunday, April 4

Team Bear beer/soda bust from 1800-2100 at the

Loading Dock with an \$8 donation to benefit Team Bear & AIDS Life Cycle.

Weekend, April 9-11

Mr. Chicago Leather 2004 contest at the Touché Bar in the Windy City tonight.

Tuesday, April 13

Bondage Buddies get all tied up at 933 Harrison tonight with doors open from 1900-2200. For info: 777-HEAD.

Weekend, April 15-19

American Brotherhood Weekend in the Washington DC area choosing 4 leather titles for the coming year. For info click on www.americanbrotherhood.com.

Thursday, April 15

SOMA Bare Chest Calendar competition forges ahead at the Powerhouse tonight at 2130. Come and see qualifying winners.

Friday, April 16

Castro Lions host a beer/soda bust at the Loading Dock with romantic bondage (?), Ice & Hot Wax demos. No times given.

Cocks by Colt

by John F. Karr

After spending his entire adult career cloistered at Falcon Studios, John Rutherford resigned last year, saying something about wanting to see what else was out there. So what new wonders did he find out in the big world? Exactly what he'd left. Rutherford bought Colt Studio from Jim French, and announced his aim of continuing the Colt traditions while revitalizing its film line. The first movie he made as Colt's new crown head is the best Falcon movie Falcon never made.

Well, you can't expect Rutherford to re-invent the wheel his first time out. Yet *Reload* is high-



Karrnal Knowledge

muscle beauties, and features some well-done underwater photography and orgasms, it remains a restless succession of partner change and incident.

The movie's five scenes take place around and in the posh pool that played host to Tom Bianchi's famed *Out of the Studio* series. As homage to Colt history, each scene dissolves from a fabled Colt photo or drawing to contemporary action. The outstanding first scene sizzles with the intense bonding of Marcus Iron and Alex LeMonde.

Talk about chemistry:

as the pair luxuriates in masculine lovemaking, they seem to stop time. Yet the scene is a mere quarter-hour. What a dream. Next up are husky newcomer Tod Parker and slab of rock Jake Gianelli, working over dreamboat Trey Rexx. Trey's roseate skin, ginger-ale spray of pubic hair, and satiny blushing cock are gorgeously lit and filmed. The scene lacks sufficient reaction shots to involve us personally as the opener did, but these three men are a feast for the eyes.

A quintet sporting in the pool begins with a neat trick, dissolving from a photo of Ray Dragon in his Colt heyday some years ago to a picture of Ray Dragon today: a little less gaunt and a lot more gray, but still defining masculinity. The scene is randomly observed and typically uninvolving, but becomes more focused when the fucking begins. Yet why is everyone so serious? Is it because they're butch? C'mon, guys — enjoy yourselves!

The finale reprises the memorable pairing of Chase Hunter and Lane Fuller in Falcon's *Drenched*, adding only a Rutherford fixation, the garden-hose enema (cold water is such an unsexy shock to the innards, and here are seven fill-em-up applications, two of them expelled bull's-eye into the camera). Once past this, the scene develops as effective a focus as the movie's opening: there's something about two people relating to each other that really sells the sex. Chase rims Lane so long I began to hope they'd put lots of sunscreen on that ring so pink 'n' tender. Lane knows how to ride Hunter's leviathan lingam. Best of all, his climax isn't an afterthought. Lane shoots while,

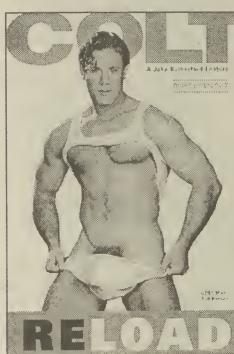
and because of being well-fucked. If *Reload* is ultimately more a reworking of the Falcon formula than a reinvention of Colt, it's still an estimable launching of Rutherford's new enterprise.



Dick dictator

Reload was immediately followed by *HOG: The Leather File*. It has three extended scenes of hyper-butch leather action. In the concluding sling scene, dark-chocolate-colored Adam Dexter first pumps a fat dildo and then his own wicked cock into dog-boy Toby O'Connor. The central sequence presents a nonet of knock-out studs having intense mansex: lots of dark, stern musclemen with supreme bottom Derek Cameron as the (double-fucked) centerpiece. Once again, though, there's little cumulative effect. It's the opening that will rock your boat. Dave Angelo is poured into leathers that fit like a full-body foreskin, and sets new standards of cinematic masculinity as he forces butch bottom Todd Maxwell to yield to the dictatorship of his desires. He applies fingertip and tongue to Todd's asshole as if founding a new religion, and explodes in conquering roars and anguished groans when he cumms. This is the sequence in which Rutherford updates the Colt image and leaves Falcon behind.

What else? The chaptering is good, the bonus material not competitive. And the mostly excellent music for both movies is by Sharon Kane, who certainly didn't compose Jaydee's "Plastic Dreams" for the soundtrack, but who may have remixed it. I was surprised to hear it, especially since it accompanies a leather orgy. Although disco can take you higher and higher, it ain't butch. www.coltstudio.com; (800) 445-COLT ▼



end product, a handsome movie that confidently sustains a languid mood. The brand-new look of its cinematography, with its arresting presence, stamps the product with a fresh and enviable identity. The lighting has a luminous glow, which, along with the camerawork, adores the performers at all times. And Hallelujah!, using a technique that was invented by D.W. Griffith but seems never to have been discovered by gay pornmakers, the editing replaces sharp cuts with smooth dissolves. This enhances the movie's tropical languor, and boosts the intimacy of two scenes. Yet, while *Reload* builds upon some of Rutherford's strengths, it also repeats his weaknesses. He's rarely been able to bring cumulative force to group scenes, and though the orgy here is stocked with real

Mister Marcus

◀ previous page

spotlight is on Chicago as the Mr. Chicago Leather contest takes place at the Touché Bar on the North Side. The first ever Mr. Chicago Leather, Chuck Windemuth, has been hard at work with David Boyer and Chuck Rodocker to pull this one off. I'll be there, so you'll be the first to know the results.

The next weekend the leather gathering will take place in the Washington Metro Area, as the American Brotherhood Weekend will produce four leather icons, American Leather Man, American Leather Woman, American Leather Boy and American Leather Girl. There is a plethora of contestants ready to compete for these titles. Hope to see many of you there or at whichever you feel worthy of your presence. ▼



Mr. and Ms. Washington State Leather 2004 Gene Romaine and Victoria Christian were chosen at The Cuff in Seattle last Saturday, March 27.

333linden.com

15.863.1610

333 Linden

333 Linden Street, SF
(in Hayes Valley b/w Octavia & Gough)

SF's newest sex club for men

MON-\$5 84 midnight

TUE-Free w/ student ID

THUR-\$5 84 midnight w/ any gym membership

FR/SAT-happy hour FREE entry b/w 9pm & 10pm

12noon-6am Sat/Sun

Membership required / Present ad to receive offers

video lounges+maze+porn theatre+lockers+Internet+play spaces

PEC NIGHT

FRIDAYS

Powerhouse 1347 Folsom 415.552.8689

BLOW BUDDIES

San Francisco

It's late on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Maybe the bars are closed.

Wondering where everyone is? Cum see!

And the fun goes on after we close the doors at 3 or 4am.

Boy Bust @ Buddies Wed., Apr. 7 door 9:11pm play 'til late.

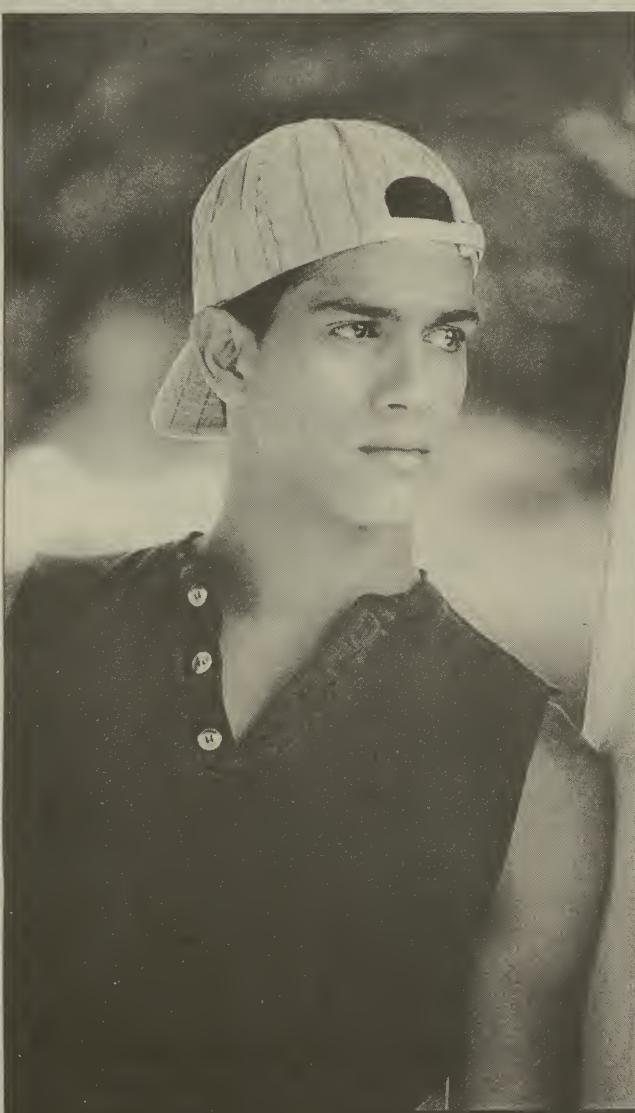
(415) 777-HEAD

www.blowbuddies.com

South of Market - 933 Harrison St (@ 5th)

Photo Credit: David M. Johnson

BAR TALK



www.stevendemill.com

1.900.226.7036

Only \$1.99 per minute to respond to ads!

Available only on touch-tone telephones. You must be at least 18 years old to call.

Don't want to use the #900 line? Use BLOCK OF TIME™

You can purchase time on our system by calling 1-800-321-6845 and requesting a 10, 20, 30, or 60 minute Block of Time™ with discounts of up to 20%. The cost is \$1.99 per minute and you may use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express card. You will be able to respond, browse, and retrieve messages by using your Block of Time™ account from any touch-tone phone!

BAR TALK PERSONALS ARE FREE!

CATEGORY

- Parting Glances
- Seeking Relationship
- Seeking Adventure
- Lesbian
- Fetishes
- Couples
- Others

Headline, 30 characters maximum

Write the rest of your ad here, 30 words maximum

MAIL FORM TO: BAR Talk, Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

PARTING GLANCES

H.H. Haven't You Figured It Out?
E.O. and E. DIP. lied to you because they were jealous of our friendship. They wanted to separate us and they did. I miss making you cum. K. ☎ 71144

Untangle my wand again, please...
What do baby names, Bakersfield and the Wizard of Oz have in common? ERAN! Need you to untangle my wand again...Kicking myself for not taking your card. ☎ 71146

Antonio Watergarden 3-13 S.J.
We met. You came to my room #14. It was great! Would love to see you again. Bill. ☎ 71147

Bob/Paul Jr flight #18 3/19/04
American Airlines SFO/JFK seat 26J. You were on your way home for your mother's birthday. Me, Asian, seat 25J. Can't forget your smile. Would love to meet you. ☎ 71157

I'd Love A Gay Beck

GWM, 5'11", 185#, into Shakespeare (and his intellectual context),

Satire, Beck, daily workouts, seeks NS younger man for LTR. Prefer 5'4"-5'8", 110#-130#, sensuous, affectionate, with cute butt. ☎ 71158

HIV+ 37yrs Straight Looking/Acting
I'm looking for a caucasian under 40 that likes movies and quiet and romantic dinners. I'm Latino, 5'1" blk short hair, mustache & goatee. I like hiking, swimming, biking and long walks on the beach & park. ☎ 71159

Affectionate Older Men

Affectionate, WLM, 6', 165 lbs. I

enjoy being with older men over 60

who enjoy lots of cuddling, kissing,

other pleasures. Bearded, rustic looking, husky, non gym, loners a

plus. Poss LTR. No drugs or gay

scene, but smoking, it drink OK. ☎ 71158

I Want It All

Makes out, intimate sex to nasty fun. I'm uninhibited, clean cut mostly oral

bottom. Tall, HIV+, 40's & am looking

for a good man 40-50 with a great attitude & large heart to explore

ride toward lifetimne of ecstasy; be poz. No drugs B.S. ☎ 71159

Attention Hug Nippled Guys

I'm muscular, healthy, clean, 46 yrs, Wish es to date on a reg basis a muscular guy whose protruding nipples, I

guarantee my mouth & attention will satisfy you. Pls serious only. Thank you! ☎ 71124

Muscular Guy Seeks Asian

I'm caucasian, 47 yrs, healthy, work out 4 days a week. Is there a smooth,

muscular Asian out there who is serious, dependable and not into playing

games? If so, call me...lets meet. ☎ 71086

Healthy Vegan Look 2 Date

41 yo GWM, 55, 130, wants 2 meet a vegetarian, drug N disease free. U:

35-50, slim, in shape. Likes art & nature. ☎ 71135

Craving Affection?

Feeling lonely or unloved? Need an understanding new friend to talk to, get to know better, and hug. Slim

masculine guy, 44, seeks another slim masculine guy younger or same age, any race. ☎ 71142

I'd Love A Gay Beck

GWM, 5'11", 185#, into Shakespeare (and his intellectual context),

Satire, Beck, daily workouts, seeks NS

younger man for LTR. Prefer 5'4"-5'8", 110#-130#, sensuous, affectionate, with cute butt. ☎ 71138

Smooth Asian

Seeking smooth guy toned white

males to service orally and jerk off together. Let's play on a regular basis. ☎ 71126

Sex Off Street

Hot Sex: ☎ 71127

Seeking GWM For Private Party

Sexy GWM seeks tight Asian bottoms

for private play party. Must be HIV+,

no drugs, safe, slender. Call ASAP. ☎ 71128

The Hottest Guy In Town

Even the hottest guy in town is not worth risking your life over. Always

play safe. Wear a condom and never

exchange bodily fluids. Remember, safe sex is hot sex! ☎ SAFE

ISO One Great Man

Me! GWM late 40's, top, 6'3", 175,

height & weight proportionate. ISO

White or Latin bottom h/w proportionate. ISO of good times & more. ☎ 71148

Cocksucking Toilet Slave

Seeking one kinky HIV+ top who

needs regular service. I'm 58, long

time gymed attractive and friendly.

Love to please my man. Must be non-

promiscuous. ☎ 71160

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 38, 5'11", 175#,

seeks well-built bottom with nice round ass for over-the-knee

spanking, role playing and plowing

your ass. ☎ 71145

Very Large Loads Wanted!!

6'1", 200 lb, German/Italian, needs

to be fucked on a regular basis by a

man who shoots extremely large

loads of CUM! ☎ 71134

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 38, 5'11", 175#,

seeks well-built bottom with nice round ass for over-the-knee

spanking, role playing and plowing

your ass. ☎ 71145

Keep Me In Diapers and...

Humiliate me with VA, WS, Enemas,

B & D, and more! I look like a clean

cut football player, but rather be your

sissy! ☎ 71153

Lusting For A Man's Asshole

Inshape WM, 6'1", 178#, 60's, want

to tongue, finger, massage your ass-

hole. U/B slim, to thin (or muscular),

under 50 & totally into having your

clean asshole attended to. ☎ 71160

Goodlooking Black Ex-Marine

in search of white-haired and/or/wrinkled,

uncut old man. You'll have a lot

of fun. ☎ 71164

Derby Jacket Skinhead Ski-masked

Fightfighter, 25, seeks guys in Derby

jackets, Ben Davis, hoods & ski-

masked bandits who need motor-

mouth service. Cholos, tuffs, derby

dudes. ☎ 71166

Lonely Transexual

I'm the only transexual in this state

hospital. I am very lonely, looking for

transexual or gay man to write for

friendship and growth. Race, age and

sexual fetishes don't matter. ☎ 71143

Classic Cock

Chisled by a master circumciser with

31 waist, lean defined chest and mas-

culine friendly personality. Owner 44,

seeks younger slim bodied manly guy

with a loving heart and mouth. HIV

negative. ☎ 71150

Spanker Wanted For OTK

Spank my bare butt. Will reciprocate

if desired or I spank you. No reciproc-

ity required. Me. 155 lbs, 5'6", curly

brown hair. Do as scenes. ☎ 71149

Dad Wants Your Ass

Clean, healthy, horny 69 yo, mascu-

line GWM (not versatile) ISO mas-

culine GWM (not versatile). ☎ 71161

The Hottest Guy In Town

Even the hottest guy in town is not

worth risking your life over. Always

play safe. Wear a condom and never

exchange bodily fluids. Remember, safe sex is hot sex! ☎ SAFE

Raunchy Hot encounters Wanted

GWM, 40, br/gr, 5'11", 178lbs,

seeks GWM 40-7 for hot encounters.

New to SF area. Dominant tops/bears

of special interest! Lets connect!?!.

☎ 71162

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Athletic Skater Guy

39, 5'7", 156#, healthy, cute, slim,

versatile, GLM legal resident: ISO

slim, masc, guy GWM/GLM, hanging

out buddy. Size unimportant. Small

dick is nice to @ my height. Under 40

yrs, versatile. Into 69. ☎ 71122

Top Seeks Bottom w/Facial Hair

8' cut, works magic on supple butts.

Be honest, be real, for experienced

ride toward lifetimne of ecstasy; be poz.

No drugs B.S. ☎ 71123

Attention Hug Nippled Guys

I'm muscular, healthy, clean, 46 yrs, Wish es to date on a reg basis a muscular guy whose protruding nipples, I

guarantee my mouth & attention will satisfy you. Pls serious only. Thank you! ☎ 71124

Muscular Guy Seeks Asian

I'm caucasian, 47 yrs, healthy, work out 4 days a week. Is there a smooth,

muscular Asian out there who is serious, dependable and not into playing

games? If so, call me...lets meet. ☎ 71086

Healthy Vegan Look 2 Date

41 yo GWM, 55, 130, wants 2 meet a vegetarian, drug N disease free. U:

35-50, slim, in shape. Likes art & nature. ☎ 71135

Craving Affection?

Feeling lonely or unloved? Need an understanding new friend to talk to, get to know better, and hug. Slim

masculine guy, 44, seeks another slim

masculine guy younger or same age, any race. ☎ 71142

I'd Love A Gay Beck

GWM, 5'11", 185#, into Shakespeare (and his intellectual context),

Satire, Beck, daily workouts, seeks NS

younger man for LTR. Prefer 5'4"-5'8", 110#-130#, sensuous, affectionate, with cute butt. ☎ 71138

Smooth Asian

Seeking smooth guy toned white

males to service orally and jerk off together. Let's play on a regular basis.

basis. ☎ 71126

Sex Off Street

Hot Sex: ☎ 71127

Seeking GWM For Private Party

Sexy GWM seeks tight Asian bottoms

for private play party. Must be HIV+,

no drugs, safe, slender. Call ASAP. ☎ 71128

The Hottest Guy In Town

Even the hottest guy in town is not

worth risking your life over. Always

play safe. Wear a condom and never

exchange bodily fluids. Remember, safe sex is hot sex! ☎ SAFE

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 38, 5'11", 175#,

seeks well-built bottom with nice round ass for over-the-knee

spanking, role playing and plowing

your ass. ☎ 71145

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 38, 5'11", 175#,

seeks well-built bottom with nice round ass for over-the-knee

spanking, role playing and plowing

your ass. ☎ 71145

Very Large Loads Wanted!!

6'1", 200 lb, German/Italian, needs

to be fucked on a regular basis by a

man who shoots extremely large

loads of CUM! ☎ 71134

Spank Your Butt

Hot, masculine top, 38, 5'11", 175#,

seeks well-built bottom with nice round ass for over-the-knee

spanking, role playing and plowing

your ass. ☎ 71145

Keep Me In Diapers and...

Humiliate me with VA, WS, Enemas,

B & D, and more! I look like a clean

cut football player, but rather be your

sissy! ☎ 71153

Lusting For A Man's Asshole

Inshape WM, 6'1", 178#, 60's, want

to tongue, finger, massage your ass-

hole. U/B slim, to thin (or muscular),

under 50 & totally into having your

clean asshole attended to. ☎ 71160

Goodlooking Black Ex-Marine

in search of white-haired and/or/wrinkled,

uncut old man. You'll have a lot

</div

PERSONALS

BAY AREA REPORTER
PERSONALS

MASSAGE

CREATIVE BODYWORK
Empower Yourself Thru Supportive, Sensual, Nurturing and Healing Touch
Jack Walder, CMT
(415) 447-2700

Michael CMT
812-6929
Swedish
Reiki
Professional Message Therapy

Back in S.F.
10 Years Experience
50 In/50 Out
415-596-7946

JEHFREE
415-986-5696
MANGOMANMASSAGE.COM

LOVING STROKES
Nurturing, Sensual Healing, Satisfying
STRONG HANDS
SENSITIVE & EXPERIENCED
From Stress Reduction to Simple Relaxation
STEVE C.M.T.
821-2985

**Interactive
Massage
Therapy.
Personal Care.**
Sergei CMT (415) 269-4470

Tod
ULTIMATE
DEEP TISSUE &
TNAI MASSAGE
HOOT SCHOOL
558-8554

BODY2RELAX
Alejandro CMT
415.297.8360
BODY2RELAX@YAHOO.COM

**QUALITY
BODYWORK**
Deep Swedish Shiatsu Energy Healing
12 yrs. exp.
\$50/hr \$70/90min.
Ed Brophy, MA, CMT
415-647-4388

SEXY ASIAN
\$60 Jim 269-5707

SJ SF EB ASIAN CMT
VGL masc GAM, 33/5'6"/150/6.5. Sensual full body aressurp & Shiatsu massage w/ release done nude, Therapeutic too. In/Out. Call Smooth Doug 408-202-0811.

Sexual Rub/Hot 8" Nudist/Cum Together/Erotic/Ken/346-4966/\$80
Peninsula Therapeutic and Erotic In/Out. Full Body TLC 650-367-7528
WWW.SFGAYMASSAGE.COM

26/Y/O ASIAN
In/Out \$60
DAVE*567-7693

EROTIC MASSAGE
Healing, sensual, loving touch
Deep tissue, Older men welcomed.
Hotels, 24 Hours
Josh, CMT. • (415) 346-4677.

**Castro Certified • Only \$45/\$65
•WANNA MELT?**
Jim de Masseur • 415-621-4517

EBAY BEEFY MUSCLE
Gives good deep Swedish!
Masc, hairy, 195, 5'11", 45, moist.
M-F aft 5, w/e OK-Rix-Table/Oil
In \$60/60, \$90/90 510-601-6995

**TRIP TO XTASY!!!
BUNS & LEGS, NOOKS &
CRANNYS, MY SPECIALTY**

**Hotman 48 6' 165 S&P Body, hung
Erotic FullBody Massage In/Out
10am-10pm \$60-70 M/C Visa. Add
\$5. Call Dick 415-244-8828**

BODYWORK BY ASIAN
CMT 5'6", 130, full body, real massage. In/Out. 218-0128

IN/OUT CALLS 415-350-0968

FULL NUDE RELEASE
I am a 25 year old model that has been in several large publications. 6'3 216lbs Blonde hair/blue eyes, I am smooth with a 8X6 uncut. I have a hard, ripped body with a face that could stop a freight train. When I walk, people stop and stare. My masculinity drives men and women crazy alike. I am a great masseur and specialize in full nude, full release sensual rubdowns From "head to toe!" So come on in and release some tension. Mike • 415-505-5437.

SERIOUS SPORTS MASSAGE
www.BodySpa-SF.com

IN/OUT CALLS 415-350-0968

YOUNG HOT ASIAN
Full Body Massage 415-385-0502 Roy

FIRESIDE MASSAGE

LAY YOUR WEARY BODY

on my table. Tall trim masseur.

Unique style therapeutic and erotic massage in front of a fireplace. Out calls available also. Johnny 505-3060

Castro. In \$39. Peter • 298-3309

FEEL THE DIFFERENCE

EAST BAY MASSAGE

San Jose-FullBody Swedish+CMT

Strong, energetic and athletic. Fernando CMT (510) 325-7725. In/Out.

**Therapeutic 2 erotic, relaxing 2 deeply
stimulating. \$100-90 min. 41y.o., blond
6', 170, friendly, sexy. Brad (510)
418-0979. (In Berkeley).**

MASSAGE BY HOT ASIAN

408-288-6169 • Anthony • Air Cond.

28.5'8", 145, Silky XXX Smooth

ACHING FOR A MASSAGE

5'9" 145lbs. 30wst fit Slim/Smooth

\$80 In/Out, Call Hung 948-7244.

**Deep, rich, relaxing, strong therapeutic
massage for in-shape guys by 29
yr old. Student discount, in/out calls,
day/eve and late nite appts avail.**

CUTE MASSEUR 225-4081

Eric • 841-5870.

5'9" 145lbs. 30wst fit Slim/Smooth

Huge 14+ yrs exp, Full Tension Release

Blond/Brn eyes. SF/Marin. In/Out.

Huge Fat Cut Meat

Have table.

9X6 Cut, 6' 180# 45 full release

SANTA ROSA HIDEAWAY

In \$60 • Buck • 724-8117.

Superb very personal massage plus

VALLEJO MASSAGE4MEN!

fantasies explored by mature masseur

www.sfgaymassage.com/agino.html

in remote country setting. Also, group

by appt only: Gino 925 200-6236.

massages and Overnight and Daytime

E14

Spa and Massage Getaway Packages.

E15

Roger 707-525-1771 www.sr-hideaway.com

E16

COMPLETE FULL BODY

E17

Sensual massage done in the nude by

**masculine endowed mature masseur
at your place. Chuck • (510) 388-4941.**

E18

PERSONALS

MASSAGE

**Hot, Nurturing Muscle
Swedish
Full-Body**
Private Studio in SF
James CMT
415-359-3657
www.JamesMassage.com

Jay
Swedish
CMT
BUTTE PIRATES
415-407-9424
Hrs 10am-7pm Monday-Sunday
jjwagner70@hotmail.com

Geoff
5'11" 150#
Great Touch
Super Friendly
Convenient Location
CMT
415-863-6420

Michael CMT
415-235-8605
Swedish Massage
Nurturing, Therapeutic
Ecstasy Of Berlin
Handsome CMT with a
passionate touch for
your unabashed pleasure
by 5'6" 165 lb 3' uncld
Philip: 415-850-4333
www.berlinboy.com

COMPLETE RELEASE

CONCORD-WALNUT CREEK

FULL BODY/FULL PLEASURE

BY FRED OR BUTCHY

90-MINUTES/\$40

CALL: 925-682-5675

E14

Sexual blonde will rub U down

HOT EURO BOY

Horny 24yobottom/smooth 5'7"135#

In/Out Calls - Jason 415-210-1526

E14

ENERGYBODYCENTER.COM

Integrative Bodywork 552-7417

Young*Brown*Kinky*24Hr*540-0269

E14

VALENTE

Erotic Massage by sexy Mexican. See

pics: www.gaydar.co.uk/valentemx

Cell: 415 342-1675.

E14

YOUNG HOT ASIAN

Full Body Massage 415-385-0502 Roy

E14

LAY YOUR WEARY BODY

on my table. Tall trim masseur.

Castro. In \$39. Peter • 298-3309

E14

EAST BAY MASSAGE

Therapeutic 2 erotic, relaxing 2 deeply

stimulating. \$100-90 min. 41y.o., blond

6', 170, friendly, sexy. Brad (510)

418-0979. (In Berkeley).

E14

SAN JOSE-FULL BODY SWEDISH+CMT

\$40/hr-\$55 1 1/2 hr - Shower avail.

8AM-9PM 7 days-day apt's.

408-288-6169 • Anthony • Air Cond.

E14

ACHING FOR A MASSAGE

Deep, rich, relaxing, strong therapeutic

massage for in-shape guys by 29

yr old. Student discount, in/out calls,

day/eve and late nite appts avail.

Eric • 841-5870.

E14

FREMONT, JIM • GREAT HANDS •

Therapeutic/Relaxing. Mature.

\$40/Hour • (510) 651-2217.

E17

VALLEJO MASSAGE4MEN!

www.sfgaymassage.com/agino.html

by appt only: Gino 925 200-6236.

E19

PERSONALS

With our publication
you get what you pay for.

When you place advertising in a local
publication, you have the right to know you're
getting your money's worth.

If you are our advertiser, relax. We are audited by
Verified Audit Circulation. We spend a lot of money
to keep our distribution system in top condition, and
to assure our advertisers that they are indeed getting
what they're paying for.

Verified Audit Circulation has a 50 year history as
the most respected auditing service for free and paid
distribution publications.

We contract with Verified to "provide reports that
accurately convey complete and timely circulation
information." Verified conducts both field audits and a
yearly internal audit.

As you can see, we're as serious about giving you honest
value for your advertising dollars as we are about giving
our readers interesting and valuable information. Best,
you don't have to take our word for it. Take it from Verified.

VERIFIED
AUDIT CIRCULATION
www.verifiedaudit.com

BAY AREA REPORTER

MASSAGE

PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE THERAPIST

5' 10" 240 lbs
STRONG, DEEP, SENSUAL

CALL ROBERT
(415) 567-6015

Time4 Mazzage
CMT
Swedish
-Shiatsu
-Reiki

William
415-203-7027
time4mazzage.com

STRIP!
off your tension
Justin
707 586 5945
massage

50 min N of SF
off Hwy 101
all ages,
races,
body
types
short
notice
OK
11am-
10pm
CMT

Nude pics/info: www.OneHotMassage.com

STRONG, HEALING MASSAGE

GIOVANNI 415-522-1909
goscot@yahoo.com

DEEP TISSUE, ACCUPRESSURE & ENERGY WORK
NURTURING & REJUVENATING. 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE
10AM-11PM

GREAT MASSAGE!
Experience a Sensual
Massage
RECENT PHOTO

- * Clean
- * Private
- * Twin Peaks
- * E-Z Parking

Call Danny
9am - 10pm
415-647-9777 \$10 OFF WITH AD

SCOTT
CMT

SWEDISH/DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE
WWW.SOMAHANDS.COM
415-864-6384

**Therapeutic
Massage**
by Strong,
Friendly CMT
Swedish/
Deep Tissue
In/Out
on a
Massage Table

LEKI
415-553-4111

SENSUAL DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE

STRIPE!
off your tension
Upper Noe Valley
(415) 282-6632
romyns@hotmail.com

**Relaxing
Nurturing
Healing**
**Swedish
full-body
massage**
Upper Noe Valley
(415) 282-6632
romyns@hotmail.com

**ASIAN / THAI
Thai Massage
Swedish/Deep Tissue
Relaxation
Therapeutic
5'9", 140lbs., gym tone
Call Tu (CMT)
415-999-4787**

**Relaxing
Nurturing
Healing**
**Swedish
full-body
massage**
Upper Noe Valley
(415) 282-6632
romyns@hotmail.com

In DeerPark
**Dave Gerdes,
M.A., C.M.T.**

- BODYWORK
"Integral massage"
- COACHING

For appt. call (415) 497-9200
www.indeerpark.net

Professional Massage

Disraeli
415-640-2836
Out Only

Call RON
(415) 235-2755

**In/Out
\$100 - 2 hr
25 - 5' 7" - 138**

**Full Body
Deep Tissue
Pressure
Therapeutic
Sensual**

**Professional Foot & Body
with Aroma Oils**

THAI MASSAGE

CHAI

**THAI MASSAGE
CERTIFIED IN BANGKOK TEMPLE**

Keith
415-385-0238
Near City Hall

**Deep Tissue
Sports Body**

415-519-3261

homtown.sol.com/terrymassagesf

CMT
**Deep Tissue
Sports Body**

415-519-3261

TOTAL MAN
M4M MASSAGE WORKSHOP

Join us for a weekend workshop to learn Basic Massage and to develop intimacy with other men through Healthy Touch. Dates: April 10-11 (10 am-6 pm) Contact: Joe Anthony for info and to reserve 415-863-2990 or call 415-596-0195 Class size is limited to 15 men so please call to reserve now.

E14

ALFONSO
SPORTS MASSAGE
415-336-0951

E15

FRIENDLY ASIAN GUY
Firm massage In/Out 415-564-3161

E14

MALE SENSUAL MASSAGE
APRIL TAX DISCOUNT!
Sensual/Erotic Sunnyvale Loc
650-248-8485 Leave Msg 4 Danny

E17

ASIAN EAST BAY
Sensual full body massage
In \$50, Out \$60, 510-420-0112 Ken

E16

VERSATILE IN MY STYLE:
CMT. Blend of Therapeutic & erotic.
It's HOT. My hands CARESS your
FANTASY. Your muscles are THICK.
My hands go DEEP. The session:

E14

LONG. Your pleasure: HUGE. That
tension: RELEASED. CUM over!! U
& I NAKED, sexy Italian Hunk, hairy
beautiful lean body. Dark skin. 38y,
6'4", 190#, 8" cut. EVERYONE IS
WELCOME. In call \$70 Out call \$90
in SF. (415) 621-4202 LORENZO.

E14

WARM HANDS/HOT HOLES
5'9" Blond sexy student - 29 yo
Sensual rubdown w/release
Kip 424-7290

E15

FULL BODY MASSAGE
Swedish & more Paul, CMT
925-890-6833

E14

Sweet Creams R Made of My Ass
Fantasy, Spank-U-Very-Much 573-5696

E14

EROTIC MASSAGE
Hot white boy, 6-1, 170lbs, blonde,
blu eyes. Hard, deep and sensual
In/Out call Josh 415-414-0407.

E14

**EBAY
BEEFY
MUSCL**
Gives good deep Swedish!
Masc, hairy, 195, 5'11", 45, moust.
M-F att 5, w/e OK-Rtx-Table/Oil
In \$60/60, \$90/90 510-601-6995

E16

BODYWORK BY ASIAN
CMT 5'6", 130, full body, real mass-
ge. In/Out. 218-0128

E14

www.handsontouch.org

**SACRED
TOUCH**Intentional Focused Eroticism
Derek, CMT 415-255-1164E18
Bisexual • San Jose • 408-729-7156**BEAR HANDS-SAN JOSE**Masc, mature, hairy full body mass
age 55/hr-in, outcall average 408-315-
1776 www.bearhands4u.com

E14

NUDE-EROTIC-RELEASEDeluxe deep tissue, Swedish. By
nice looking, sexy, smooth chest,
lean muscular, Tattoos. (in only)
Hayes Valley, 552-1561, On Call.

E14

**THE
JOCK DOC**www.BodySpa-SF.com

E14

FULL BODY MASSAGE

by YG Asian \$65 out (650)302-4638

E14

HOT MUSCL-ASIAN

Deep, strong, fullbody/CMT 408 661-7415

E14

ASIAN STUDENT

Therapeutic Massage w/table. Private

\$50/hr 9-7pm Tim (415) 341-7716

E14

**MASSAGE BY
MUSCLED DUDE**

call Dave @ 650-533-2560 \$80/hr

E14

Magical Massage Mastery that
heals while it pleases from a
CMT who knows how to electrify
the body. Oak Greg 510-547-1364

E15

MASSAGE BY

MUSCLED DUDE

call Dave @ 650-533-2560 \$80/hr

E14

Magical Massage Mastery that
heals while it pleases from a
CMT who knows how to electrify
the body. Oak Greg 510-547-1364

E15

HEY SOLDIER! FLYBOY!

Traveler. Give it a rest. Table.

Oil. Strong openhearted masseur.

Castro. In \$39. Peter • 298-3309

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

Full Body Erotic Rubdown

by goodlooking, well-endowed

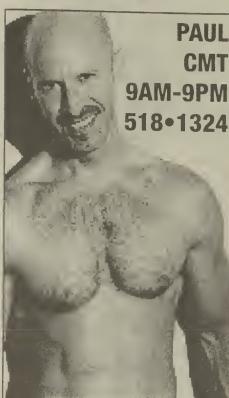
man. Fresh Hot Delivery David

650-938-3728

E14

PERSONALS

MASSAGE



PAUL
CMT
9AM-9PM
518-1324



GREAT
BODYWORK

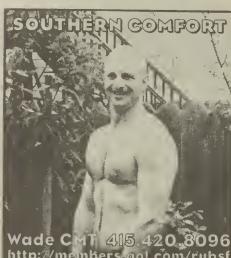
NUDE, EROTIC MASSAGE BY
WELL BUILT, WELL HUNG,
MASC. GDLK/MAN.
415 NEAR CIVIC CENTER
290-1136



Erwan
CMT

swedish,
deep massage
Monday-Saturday
9am-7pm

415.282.2255



SOUTHERN COMFORT
Wade CMT 415.420.8096
http://members.aol.com/rub6

Relax Release enjoy a sensual full body massage by 40 CMT 75 min
\$50 Great hands from Stan 641-8221

SERIOUS SPORTS MASSAGE
www.BodySpa-SF.com

FIRESIDE MASSAGE
Unique style therapeutic and erotic massage in front of a fireplace. Out calls available also. Johnny 505-3060

FEEL THE DIFFERENCE
Strong, energetic and athletic. Fernando CMT (510) 325-7725. In/Out

MASSAGE BY HOT ASIAN
28, 5'8", 145, Silky XXX Smooth
\$80 In/100 Out, Call Hung 948-7244

CUTE MASSEUR 225-4081
5'9" 145Lbs. 30wst fit Slim/Smooth
Blond/Brn eyes. SF/Marin, In/Out.
Have table.

SANTA ROSA HIDEAWAY
Superb very personal massage plus fantasies explored by mature masseur in remote country setting. Also, group massages and Overnight and Daytime Spa and Massage Getaway Packages. Roger 707-525-1771 www.sr-hideaway.com

COMPLETE FULL BODY
Sensual massage done in the nude by masculine endowed mature masseur at place. Chuck (510) 388-4941

SJ SF EB ASIAN CMT
VGL masc GAM, 33/5'6"/150/6.5.
Sensual full body asciupressure &
Shiatsu massage w/release done
nude, Therapeutic too. In/Out.
Call Smooth Doug 408-202-0811.

EROTIC MASSAGE
Healing, sensual, loving touch
Deep tissue, Older men welcomed.
Hotels, 24 Hours
Josh, CMT. • (415) 346-4677.

Castro Certified • Only \$45/\$65
• WANNA MELT? •
Jim de Masseur • 415-621-4517

TRIP TO XTASY!!!
BUNS & LEGS, NOOKS &
CRANNYS, MY SPECIALTY

Hotman 48 6' 165 S&P Beard, hung
Erotic FullBody Massage In/Out
10am-10pm \$60-70 M/C Visa. Add
\$5. Call Dick 415-244-8828

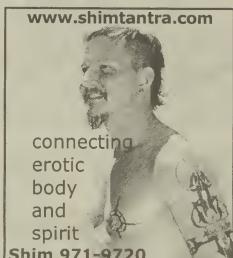
Mack's "FullBody" Massage
IN/OUT CALLS 415-350-0968

HAIRY MASSEUR
full body full release massage
done in the nude by a very nice
looking naturally hairy guy!
510-912-8812. Outcalls only.



Sports & Medical Massage

Steven, CMT
(415) 626-4800
Same day appointments
Near Van Ness • 415-626-4800
www.gaymassage.org

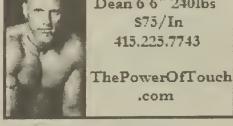


Jesse, CMT
For Appointment Call

LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO (415) 297-7590
Mon - Sun 9am-8pm



connecting
erotic
body
and
spirit
Shim 971-9720



Come feel the
heat of Thailand.
Sensual Thai MSG
by Kob 346-7975

ASIAN JOCK

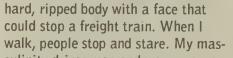


Dean 6'6" 240lbs
\$75/In
415.225.7743

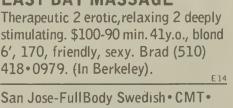
ThePowerOfTouch
.com



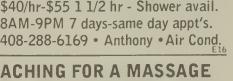
FULL NUDE RELEASE
I am a 25 year old model that has
been in several large publications. 6'3
216Lbs Blonde hair/blue eyes, I am
smooth with a 8X6 uncut. I have a
hard, ripped body with a face that
could stop a freight train. When I
walk, people stop and stare. My mas-
culinity drives men and women crazy
alike. I am a great masseur and spe-
cialize in full nude, full release sensual
rubdowns From "head to toe!" So
come on in and release some tension.
Mike • 415-505-5437.



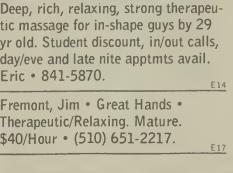
14+ yrs exp, Full Tension Release
• MID-PENINSULA-CMT •
In/Out, days/evens, Tom, 650-345-7318



EAST BAY MASSAGE
Therapeutic 2 erotic, relaxing 2 deeply
stimulating. \$100-90 min. 41y.o., blond
6', 170, friendly, sexy. Brad (510)
418-0979. (In Berkeley).



ACHING FOR A MASSAGE
Deep, rich, relaxing, strong therapeutic
massage for in-shape guys by 29
yr old. Student discount, in/out calls,
day/eve and late nite appts available.
Eric • 841-5870.



Fremont, Jim • Great Hands •
Therapeutic/Relaxing, Mature.
\$40/Hour • (510) 651-2217.

Sore Muscles?



David
CMT

415.282.5506 • www.touchspa.com



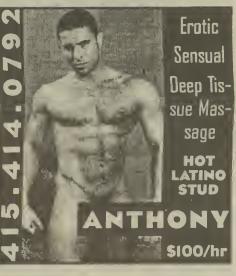
JR
CMT

IN/OUT
10AM-10PM
415-424-1115



BODY • INSIGHT

Experienced Hands Provide Integrated
Swedish, Sports, Deep Tissue Massage
with a Sensitive Approach.
JEFÉ CMT, 994-4665



CUTE MASSEUR
225-4081

5'9", 145#
30# wst, fit
Slim/Smooth
Blond/Brn Eyes
SF/Marin
In/Out
Have table



415.414.0792
Erotic
Sensual
Deep Tis-
sue Mas-
sage
HOT
LATINO
STUD
ANTHONY
\$100/hr



Call one of our
qualified massage
therapists for some
relief!

BAY AREA REPORTER

MODELS/ESCORTS

THE WORLD'S LARGEST
GAY ESCORT SITE
ONLINE!

100% FREE ACCESS

MORE THAN 5,000,000
SERVED

DIRTY CASH
212-378-8368
SALES@RENTBOY.COM
RENTBOY.COM

Over 4,000 Men Online NOW!
Cruising For FAST SEX!
Uninhibited / Serious / Horny

MEMBERSHIP ONLY
FOR WHEN YOU'RE
TOO NASTY
FOR OTHER SITES!

6'0" • 178#
31 y.o.
Eastern European Hunk
with Gorgeous Body.

10x6 Perfect Uncut

415.730.0568

Please Unblock
Your Number.

Goodlooking, 6'1", 165 Lbs
ASIAN TOP
\$80/\$100 * JIM 269-5707

LEATHER TOP!

Light to heavy sensual SM
handsome experienced w/dungeon
TOM 415-487-1296

CONSTRUCTION WORKER TOP
6-1, 177#, vgl, 9 inch cut
Page 650-523-9133, and massage

SFESCORTREVIEWS.COM
SFESCORTREVIEWS.COM
SFESCORTREVIEWS.COM

Handsome Italian top hung 10x7!
CHOKE ON THIS!
Gentle strength & arousing edge
In/Out all Bay Area 415-256-6743

WWW.M4MESCORT.COM
AFFECTION STUD
28 GWM 6' 190lbs 32wst Big Legs
7" cut Hot BubbleButt Cleancut
Masculine Versatile In/Out 24/7
PAGE ME (415) 227-7727

WWW.TOTALTOP.COM

STEEL WORKER

6-1, 180#, muscular, 9inch cut,
29yrs, Top call Steve 415-595-3064

Anything goes Asian 5'7" 135lbs
Tom 415-412-7261

<http://www.sffootplay.com/>

SIZE 12 FEET

COLLEGE BOY-21 YO WM

\$120 Out Only 415-739-9217 Pgr

BI BLK STUD TOP

Handsome hung and functional
also friendly and very discreet.
Out Only.

CEDRIC • 510 776-5945.

FOR YOUR SERVICES - 29

5'9" Blond/blue, 160, inked, edgy
vers/very oral/anal service boy

Karl•manlinx.com/karl 424-7290

E15

Mike, 39, 5'10", 190#, Bl/Blu
Clean-cut, Muscle Hunk
In/Out \$100 (415) 863-8932

E35

**Tom BuStone
SF BAY AREA**

Handsome Hairy Hung

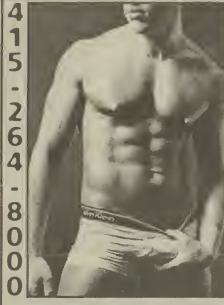
6' 160# 35 All Top
Reliable Professional Vanilla Kink
Trustworthy Domination
Open-Minded Fetish Play
Discreet Role Play
Safe Massage

HOT!

It's your money
Demand Quality

415-256-6743

Calls returned in 5 mins.
email:TomBuStoneXXX@aol.com



RICARDO
25 yo, 5' 10", 175#
www.latino4men.com



www.devonsf.com

photo: timeoutmedia.com
Devon

\$200
1st hr
\$100 each
add'l hr

415.577.7321

Uniformed/Booted/Armed/Dominant
LEATHER COP

Fully Equipped Private Facility
Beginning or Advanced Training
Dave Hammer 415-821-1342
DogCopSF@hotmail.com

Hot 8" Nudist/Porn/Oral/Love/Cum/
Kink/Fantasy/Ken346-4966/\$80

CUTE CLEAN CUT BLOND
5'9" 145lbs 29/30 wst fit slim smooth
Chris 415-225-4081

E14

6'2"/160Lbs/Hung/Nice Guy/Cutie

HORNY 21 YO WM

\$120 Out Only - in SF City

\$140 In South/East Bay Nr. BART

415-596-0734-SHAWN

E17

24

HOURS

BRN HAIR 9 in 29IN WAIST

305-3003

E21

**LEATHER
SENSUALITY**

-LONG & SLOW-
MY SPECIALTY

6'3", 185# Top
Fom Mild to Wild.
Sensual & Slow.
Playroom/Sling
Beginners Welcome

Call Jay
415.385.9623

Tony Scalia
(415) 595-3942.
www.tony Scalia.com

Michael Brandon
323.445.4409
www.michael Brandon.com

DOMINANT
TOP
HUGE DICK
SAMOTH
OUTCALLS
ONLY.
PAGER:
415-
540-7410

YOUNG STR8 LATIN
Thug invites you to fulfill fantasies of
being manhandled, intruder rape,
bondage, trained to be my slave who.
**INDULGE ME WITH YOUR
IDEAS (NICE-NAUGHTY).**
23, Fine-thug, 5'7", 153, passionate,
dominant with commanding voice,
muscular build, tats, 7" uncut...
In/Out Thug4pleasure@aol.com or
(650) 271-3711. Enrique

**AFFECTIONATE
KISSABLE, CUTE
BOTTOM BOY**
LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE
26,slim/smooth & I love to kiss!
Blond, Blue & Tattooed; No drugs.
Friendly, STD & Ego free!!!Out Only.
\$120 plus cab, 415-871-4228 SEAN

E14

Sexy jock, 22, 5'11", 140, br/gr
Cute, smooth, hung. 210-9291.

Exotic body rub by handsome
Hung Daddy \$75 Steve 571-9545.

E14

**WORSHIP A STRAIGHT
GUY'S WIDE C_K**
I WATCH A VIDEO OF MY GF
WHILE YOU SERVICE ME.

WWW.JOHNNYLYNDON.NET

OUTCALL IN SF ONLY - 24 HRS

(415) 240-0895 ALWAYS HARD.

E14

23yo, Latin Top uncum 8" smooth
5'6", 135# Franc \$100 Pg 313-0347

E22

HOT 8UNCUT SMOOTH
26 yr, 6', 170# Top, out only

Call Joe 533-0473 \$120

E14

SWEET SKINHEAD

Friendly, handsome, versatile

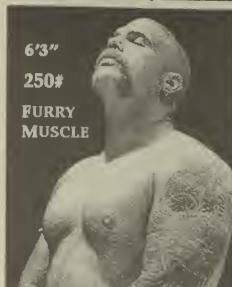
34, 5'10", 160#, cut thick 8"

Likes to kick back. 902-5587 Andy.

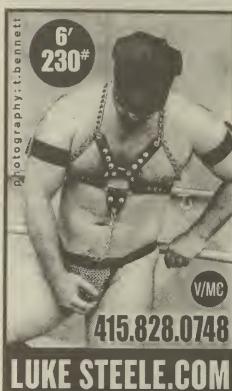
E14

PERSONALS

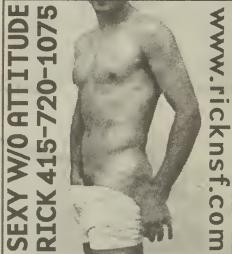
MODELS/ ESCORTS



415.596.6235
DaddyBRUNO.com



415.828.0748
LUKE STEELE.COM



Anthony hot, vers top
9-1/2" X 6" CUT
masc 6-2" 180 smooth crew cut sexy, fun
play available 24/7 & travel 724-5140

Sexy/Latino Papi, Tall, Hung,
Handsome Mexican, uncut, 6', 180#,
38 yrs, hard body, tight hard ass, ver-
satile, horny tops. Boys welcome.
Call Joe 415-225-4963

E14

**NEW
TO THE BIZ**
Trevor, 28, 6', 185#, clean cut, 7" c
safe, discreet & always friendly
Can travel. Page (415) 560-[0-120]

E14

Fist for pleasure & relief.
SF house calls. Morlex 679-3320

E15

HOT TOP 9.5X6
Thick and cut. Friendly Companion.
Slim, handsom/attr, young man, 33.
From mild to wild. Leather/Kink+
Out calls only. Beginners welcome.
(415) 860-8549, www.Mitch4rent.com

E16

ARAB-AMERICAN FOOT TOP
My 11" Masterful Feet. Pics
avilble. Email: rickcrickc@cs.com

E14

**VERY
MUSCULAR
GORG. 8+ XMARINE**
White, 415 571-6210/800 501-2832

E14

S BAY LATIN HUNK
www.juniortorres.com
35yr 5'9", 170 100% vers
8 1/2 thick uncut very discreet
open minded, tattooed,
goatee, masculine, will travel.
408-607-5113 cell

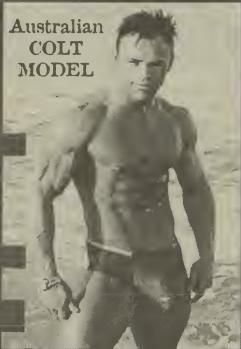
E14

WWW.SFSTUDS.COM

E14

TRENT FOSTERS

215lbs, 5'10"
9x7 cut
Muscle Worship,
Massage
Versatile Top
2 Man Show Available
www.trentfosters.com
323.899.4544



CAESAR

Porn Star/Bodybuilder
Available for Muscle
worship,
role play, vanilla to kink,
top to bottom.
two man show available.

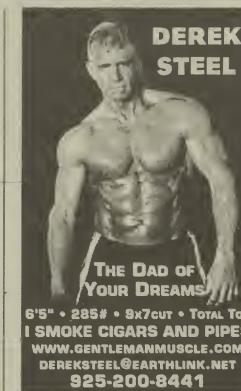
323.251.7328

Caesar@Caesarworld.com
www.Caesarworld.com

jackvandean.com



415 - 571 5672



6'5" • 285# • 8x7 CUT • TOTAL TOP
I SMOKE CIGARS AND PIPES
WWW.GENTLEMANMUSCLE.COM
DEREKSTEEL@EARTHLINK.NET
925-200-8441

RIPPED ESCORT VISITING SF



5'7" • 145# • 28W • 14A • 6PK ABS
FRIENDLY & PASSIONATE
323.363.1765

HUGE FAT HARD TOOL



TRUE 9X7

Easygoing, Friendly and Honest
SCOTT STANTON: 415.210.2505

MUSCLE WORSHIP and more

Big Buffed BB • Friendly, Handsome & Sexy



5'10"
240#
52" c
33" w
19" a
In/Out

April 14,
10 PM

Wrasslin'
Wednesday

POWERHOUSE
1347 Folsom Street @ Dore Alley
• 415.552.8689 •

EUROPEAN PORN MODEL

5'9", 215#, 10x6, 35 yo, muscle
bodybuilder Out, 24/7 (415) 239-6916
(415) 225-8827, (415) 517-2968
Antony

E19

"NICK GIVES GOOD FIST"

Also has toys 4 boys any age
I'm great w/beginners & advanced
Need a helping hand? 415-885-1471

E14

SEXY VERSATILE GUY

Friendly Latino, smooth body, tan
skin, cleancut, gym toned, 26 yo
5'7", 130#, 7x Erik 235-6090.

E14

23/57"/120 In/Out 994-3763

CUTE MEXICAN BTM

Asian Head 2 Turn U On - If U Dare
pump up your Kundalini 573-5696

E14

LEATHER TOP!

Light to heavy sensul SM
handsome experienced w/dungeon

TOM 415-487-1296

E15

CONSTRUCTION WORKER TOP

6-1, 177#, vgl, 9 inch cut
Page 650-523-9133, and massage

E14

SFSCORTREVIEWS.COM

SFSCORTREVIEWS.COM

SFSCORTREVIEWS.COM

E15

Handsome Italian top hung 10x7!

CHOKE ON THIS!

Gentle strength & arousing edge
In/Out all Bay Area 415-256-6743

E14

WWW.M4MESCORT.COM

AFFECTION STUD

28 GWM 6' 190lbs 32wst Big Legs

7" cut Hot BubbleButt Cleancut

Masculine Versatile In/Out 24/7

PAGE ME (415) 227-7727

E15

FOR MEN 50+

MASCULINE TOP MID 40s 6'3 185'
ENJOY SCENES FROM SLOW, SENSUAL
& PASSIONATE TO LEATHER & KINK.
UNHURRIED & DISCREET.
EXPLORE SOMETHING NEW WITH ME!
CALL DUKE 415 436-9379

STEEL WORKER

6-1, 180#, muscular, 9inch cut,
29yrs, Top call Steve 415-595-3064

E14

Anything goes Asian 5'7" 135lbs

Tom 415-412-7261

E15

http://www.sffootplay.com/

SIZE

12 FEET

COLLEGE BOY-21 YO WM

\$120 Out Only 415-739-9217 Pgr

E18

BI BLK STUD TOP

Handsome hung and functional
also friendly and very discreet.

Out Only.

CEDRIC • 510 776-5945.

E15

FOR YOUR SERVICES - 29

5'9" Blond/blue, 160, inked, edgy
vers/very oral/anal service boy

Karl+manlix.com/karl 424-7290

E15

Mike, 39, 5'10", 190#, BI/Blu

Clean-cut, Muscle Hunk

In/Out \$100 (415) 863-8932

E15

Uniformed/Booted/Armed/Dominant

LEATHER COP

Fully Equipped Private Facility
Beginning or Advanced Training

Dave Hammer 415-821-1342

DogCopSF@hotmail.com

E15

PERSONALS

XXX WEB

HotOlderMale.com
REAL MEN not boys

model: Steve Major

POST YOUR FREE profile!

DADDY models • videos
personals • stories

Bay Area Guide to Gay Cruising
Enter Free Trial code 3295
WWW.SQUIRT.ORG

XXX GAY DVD'S
Spunkvideo.com has the hottest
new adult DVD's at deep discount
All the popular brands & stars
plus nasty bareback & fetish
titles, in stock & ready 2 cum.

SPUNKVIDEO.COM

All Sex
No Shame

WWW.SEX4HOTMEN.COM

Hot men cruising
24 hrs.

WWW.M4M4SEX.COM

See what's hot and happenin this
week.

POWERHOUSE-SF.COM

WWW.MANHUNT.NET



Introducing M4M version 5.0!



**Packet Full
of you!**

New features
help you find
men faster!

- Now up to 9 photos
- Real voice Profiles
- Free Conference Calling

m4m .com

For men who want more...

WWW.M4M4SEX.COM IS THE WEBSITE for men
shaking off a sex life under wraps
© 2004 PowerHouse



HUNGRY FOR SEX?

ORDER IN... OR EAT OUT!

- Loads of Locations to look for Sex
- Live Chat with Guys in the Bay Area
- Personals & Message Boards

OVER 5,000 BAY AREA
MEMBERS!

www.squirt.org

PLACES TO MEET GUYS FOR SEX IN THE BAY AREA!



**BA
AREA
REPORTER**

NIPPLEPLAY NIGHT

Wednesday,
April 7, 2004
9 p.m. - Midnight

(First Wed. of the month)

**Dollar Drafts
and
Twisted Nipples!**

(Free coat check for the shirtless!)

POWERHOUSE

1347 Folsom @ Dore Alley
San Francisco, CA 94103
415-552-3639
www.powerhouse-sf.com

The
Wild Side of
the Wine Country...

R U S S I A N
R I V E R

PHOTO BY LOIS PEARLMAN
RUSSIAN RIVER MONTHLY

RAINBOW

CATTLE COMPANY Thu: 8 Ball Tourn.
\$50 Prize 7:30pm
Sat: Page Hodel
\$1 Drafts 4 - 9pm
Sun: Bull Bash
w/ DJ Bruce
\$1 Drafts 4 - 9pm



Sun Nite: Sloppy Seconds 9pm - close

Friday April 9
The Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
"Fractured Fairy Tails"
CLUB
F/A/B
Saturday April 10 See the stars of the world famous....
Finocchio's Easter Show
clubfab.com (707) 869-5708

Join the Russian River
Sisters of Perpetual
Indulgence for a
**REALLY
GOOD FRIDAY,
a HAPPY EASTER
and our 3rd
ANNIVERSARY!**

cruise.dance



16225 main st. guerneville
(707) 869 - 4500

www.russianrivereagle.com

FIFES
GUEST RANCH

ROADHOUSE
RESTAURANT

**SPRING
HAS SPRUNG!**

LOW WINTER RATES
STILL IN EFFECT
THRU APRIL 28
FOR RESERVATIONS
707.869.0656

WWW.FIFES.COM
16467 HIGHWAY 116 . GUERNEVILLE

YOUR PRIVATE RESORT AT THE RIVER

The Woods

877 887 9218

**HIGHLANDS
RESORT**

Cabins with Fireplaces
Clothing Optional Hot Tub & Pool
Short Walk to Town
Wine Tasting Nearby
707.869.0333
www.HIGHLANDSRESORT.COM

Inn at The Willows



NEW ORGANIC SPA
Call for Grand Opening Special

www.InnAtTheWillows.com
707.869.2824, Guerneville

RUSSIAN



RIVER RESORT

Corner 4th & Mill ~ Guerneville ~ 1-800-4-1-RESORT
www.RussianRiverResort.com

CPS
CREATIVE PROPERTY SERVICES
GREAT RIVER
707-869-9067

Village Inn
Monte Rio
Hotel - Bar - Restaurant
707-865-2304
www.villageinn-ca.com



BODY TOUCH
THERAPY
Health and Healing
Massage and Bodywork
Multiple Therapists
Sebastopol & Guerneville
707 865 9096

**Fern Grove
Cottages**
(707) 869-8105
www.ferngrove.com



Russian
River
Spa &
Massage
an island of
relaxation
in a sea of
stress
869-3322
www.sonic.net/~rosemar

**Gotham
Body Piercing**
16216 Main St.
869-5791
"When You Want The Very Best"

Leather, Swimwear, T's, Tanks,
Muscles and Adult Items.....
UP THE RIVER
16212 Main St., Guerneville, CA 95446

AUSSIE TIMS
**TEXAS
BARBECUE**
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT

**Creekside
Inn & Resort**
800-776-6586
www.creeksideinn.com
stay@creeksideinn.com

DE SALVIO

For more information contact Russian River Chamber of Commerce at 1-877-644-9001 • www.russianriver.com
Partial Funding for this ad provided by CastroBear Presents and Gus Presents